

# Methodology Consultation Core Team

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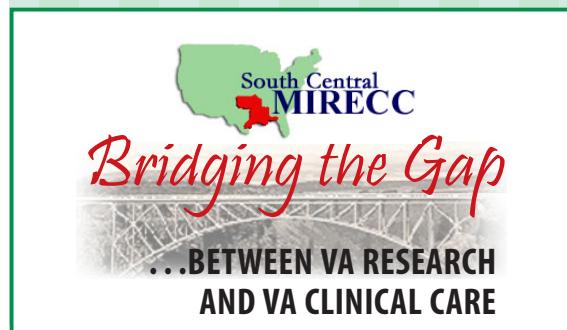
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# Methodology Consultation Core Team:

*Offering South Central  
MIRECC investigators  
methodological expertise  
in services research and  
outcomes assessment*



Mental Illness Research, Education  
and Clinical Center

## • Who we are . . .

Since it was funded in 1998 by the Department of Veterans Affairs, **South Central Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center** has been closing the gap between what treatments for mental illness have the potential to do (“efficacy”) and how treatments perform in clinical settings (“effectiveness”). The targets of our research efforts are posttraumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia, dementia in the elderly and depression.

The MIRCC offers opportunities to conduct research, receive training and mentoring in research, participate in a wide range of educational activities and receive funding to develop educational materials or interventions and research projects.

In 2005, the **South Central MIRECC Methodology Consultation Core Team** began offering focused, methodological expertise to MIRECC investigators in all phases of the research process including:

- Research design
- Proposal development and review prior to submission
- Data collection
- Analysis of results

In providing this service, we call on the knowledge and experience of not only our Methods Core Staff but also the considerable talent and background of other experienced investigators within the South Central MIRECC.

## • What we offer . . .

If you are a MIRECC investigator, the Methodology Core Team will work with you to enhance the existing methodological and data collection infrastructure that is available to you. We support research and educational efforts throughout the South Central VA Health Care Network (VISN 16) and offer our assistance in services research and outcomes assessment. Specifically:

- We will provide you expertise in outcomes assessment and traditional clinical measures (including medication compliance and treatment adherence) as well as development of new psychometrically sound measures.
- We will make available to you our knowledge of and background in biostatistics, econometrics, epidemiology, psychometrics, medical geography and qualitative data collection and analysis.
- We will help you design cutting-edge research projects using methods that bridge the gap between clinical research and services research.
- We will retain a group of key Core Team members who will respond to your request and be flexible in matching you with a consultant.

## • Guidelines . . .

### **Eligibility:**

All MIRECC Principal Investigators are eligible to use this consultation service of the South Central MIRECC at no charge.

### **To Request a Consultation:**

If you are interested in receiving a consultation, you may contact us and be sent a form for use in making your request. You will need to submit your request at least one month before consultation is needed.

### **Consultants:**

Once the Team receives your request, we do our best to match your needs with the expertise of an available MIRECC consultant.

### **Response Time:**

We make every effort to provide your consultation within three (3) weeks after the Team approves your request.

### **Available Consultation Time:**

Once your request is approved, a maximum of 16 hours of consultation time will be made available to you by the Methodology Consultation Core Team.