

The Hexagon: An Exploration Tool

The Hexagon can be used as a planning tool to guide selection and evaluate potential programs and practices for use.

IMPLEMENTING SITE INDICATORS

CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT

- Staff meet minimum qualifications
- Able to sustain staffing, coaching, training, data systems, performance assessment, and administration
- Financial capacity
- Structural capacity
- Cultural responsiveness capacity
- Buy-in process operationalized
- Practitioners
- Families

FIT WITH CURRENT INITIATIVES

- Alignment with community, regional, state priorities
- Fit with family and community values, culture and history
- Impact on other interventions & initiatives
- Alignment with organizational structure

NEED

- Target population identified
- Disaggregated data indicating population needs
- Parent & community perceptions of need
- Addresses service or system gaps

PROGRAM INDICATORS

EVIDENCE

Strength of evidence—for whom in what conditions:

- Number of studies
- Population similarities
- Diverse cultural groups
- Efficacy or Effectiveness

Outcomes – Is it worth it?

- Fidelity data
- Cost – effectiveness data

USABILITY

- Well-defined program
- Mature sites to observe
- Several replications
- Adaptations for context

SUPPORTS

- Expert Assistance
- Staffing
- Training
- Coaching & Supervision
- Racial equity impact assessment
- Data Systems Technology Supports (IT)
- Administration & System

Identify the program or practice to be assessed. Write the numerical rating (Scale from 1-5 with 1 being the lowest) that best describes each component below.

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PROGRAM

IMPLEMENTING SITE

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