



# Implementing Evidence Based Practice within Wraparound and Systems of Care *(starting soon)*

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# Overview of the webinar

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- Evidence-based practices: A quick review
  - Misconceptions and realities
  - Alignment with systems of care and wraparound philosophies
- Role of EBPs in systems of care and wraparound
- Options for coordinating EBP with wraparound for youth with complex needs
- Examples from the field
  - Wraparound with modularized EBP
  - Integrating EBP procedures into wraparound practice
  - Building EBPs and wraparound into statewide system redesign

# Main Points

- It is important that we use effective and cost-effective strategies in children's behavioral health
- EBP movement is evolving and maturing
  - There are more of them
  - They work better in the “real world” than ever
- Although there are challenges, EBP can be thoughtfully integrated into family- and youth-driven, individualized systems of care
- There are options for integrating EBP at multiple levels:
  - The system level
  - The provider level
  - The youth, family, and team level

# Child and Family Evidence Based Practice Consortium: Who we are & what we do

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- Formed in 2004, reflects both national & international perspectives
- Participation from academia, administrators, policymakers, & purveyors
- Multiple forums for training, technical assistance & networking

<https://ebpconsortium2014.wordpress.com>

- Goal: Expand dissemination & use of evidence-based practice & implementation frameworks

# Consortium Research & Dissemination

- Survey of North American behavioral health care administrators & supervisors (Barwick, 2011)
- EBP integration in North American MSW programs (Bertram, Charnin, Kerns, & Long *(in press)*)
- Survey of EBP in Marriage & Family Therapy programs (2015)
- Multi-method program implementation evaluation of 34 Kansas City MSW field sites (Bertram, King, Pederson, & Nutt, 2014)
- Topical webinars on implementation science & EBPs (Allison Metz, December 2014; Kimberly Hoagwood, February 2015, etc.)

Find these & more at

Child & Family Evidence Based Practice Consortium website:

<https://ebpconsortium2014.wordpress.com/resources/articles-papers>

# Why Implement Proven Practices?

Youth & families should expect  
evidence informed behavioral health services  
just as they expect proven practices  
when visiting their medical service provider



# Why Implement Proven Practices?

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- More likely to efficiently produce positive effects
- Improved behavioral health outcomes at less cost
- Practices are clearly defined = transparent accountability with clear selection, training, coaching, & fidelity criteria
- Aligns with Affordable Health Care Act by matching proven practices with specific client needs

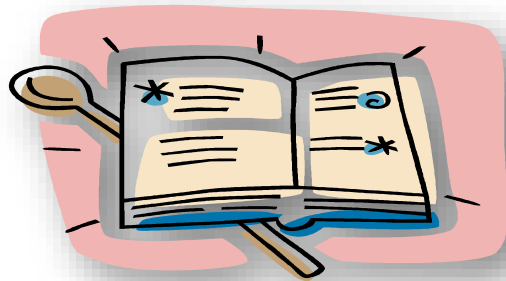


# Evidence Based Practice Misconceptions



# Misconception

EBPs are a 'cookbook' approach to very complex issues



# Realities

Practitioner experience, knowledge, & skills form the basis for:

1. Client engagement
2. Assessment of contributing factors to behaviors of concern
3. Delivery of interventions

EBPs provide a written framework & guidelines, but practitioner actions *depend* on their experience, judgment & skills.

When practitioner skillset is challenged by client actions or factors shaping behaviors of concern, EBPs provide a *compass*, not a detailed roadmap

# Misconception

**EBPs don't account for or engage practitioner expertise**



# Realities

Within EBPs steps & tools, goals, objectives & specific interventions are based on individualized assessment & planning facilitated & enhanced by practitioner expertise.

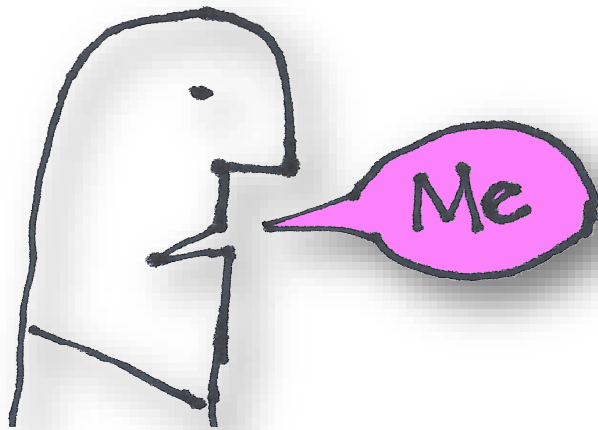
Precisely because of complexities of human interaction, it is impossible to fully predict a step by step approach.

Practitioners continuously adapt within the structure of the EBP.

# Misconception

# Realities

## EBPs ignore client values & preferences



EBPs emphasize that *clients must be full partners* in defining the problem, determining goals, & evaluation of intervention effectiveness.

There are many client *choice points* regardless of the treatment approach

EBPs support *informed decisions* by clients regarding the process, steps, & evidence for expected outcomes

# Misconception

EBPs don't take into account issues of client diversity



# Realities

Many EBPs emphasize careful assessment of *unique* combinations of factors shaping behaviors of concern & client achievements.

Many family centered EBPs were developed for specific ethnic minority populations & studied with ethnic minority clientele:

- Huey & Polo (2008), identify EBPs for ethnic minority youth
- EBPs that focus on family & ecology promote cultural sensitivity.
- They share a fundamental premise that to address behaviors of concern, client *context* must be fully appreciated & accessed

# Misconception

EBPs disregard the importance of the therapeutic alliance



# Realities

Client engagement is a central theme in EBP & accountability for client engagement often *rests with the clinician/practitioner*.

# Misconception

There is a big research-to-practice gap



# Realities

Many EBP models have moved from *efficacy* studies (in research settings) to *effectiveness* studies in clinical settings

Some EBPs have studied the implementation & dissemination process.

They provide tools to support the model & to monitor fidelity

# Misconception

**EBPs are cost-cutting tools promoted by insurance companies**



# Realities

This misconception often assumes limiting costs restricts service access.

Support for EBPs directs funds to interventions with a greater likelihood of efficiently improving client outcomes

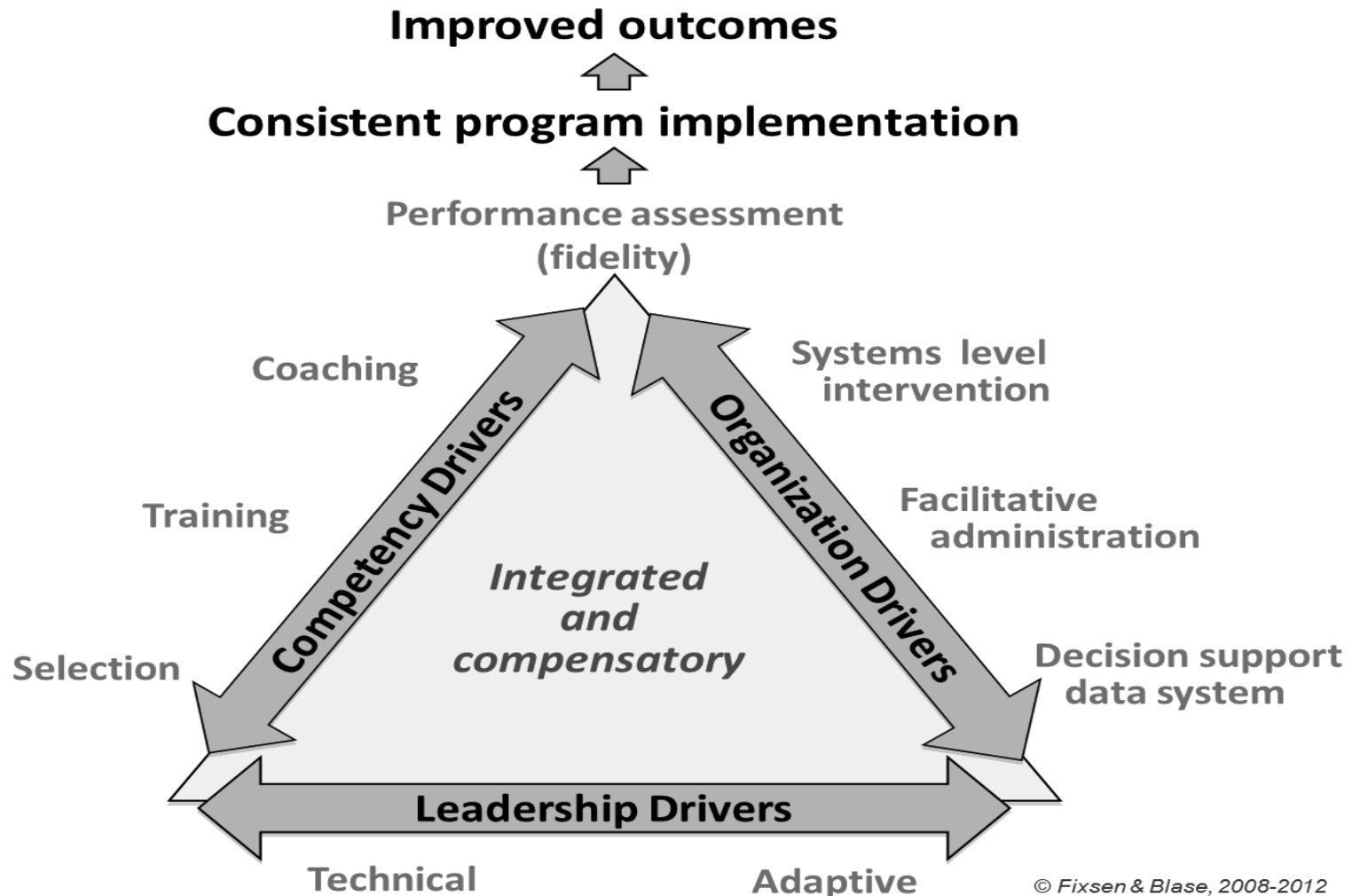
Thus more clients may have access to proven service models.



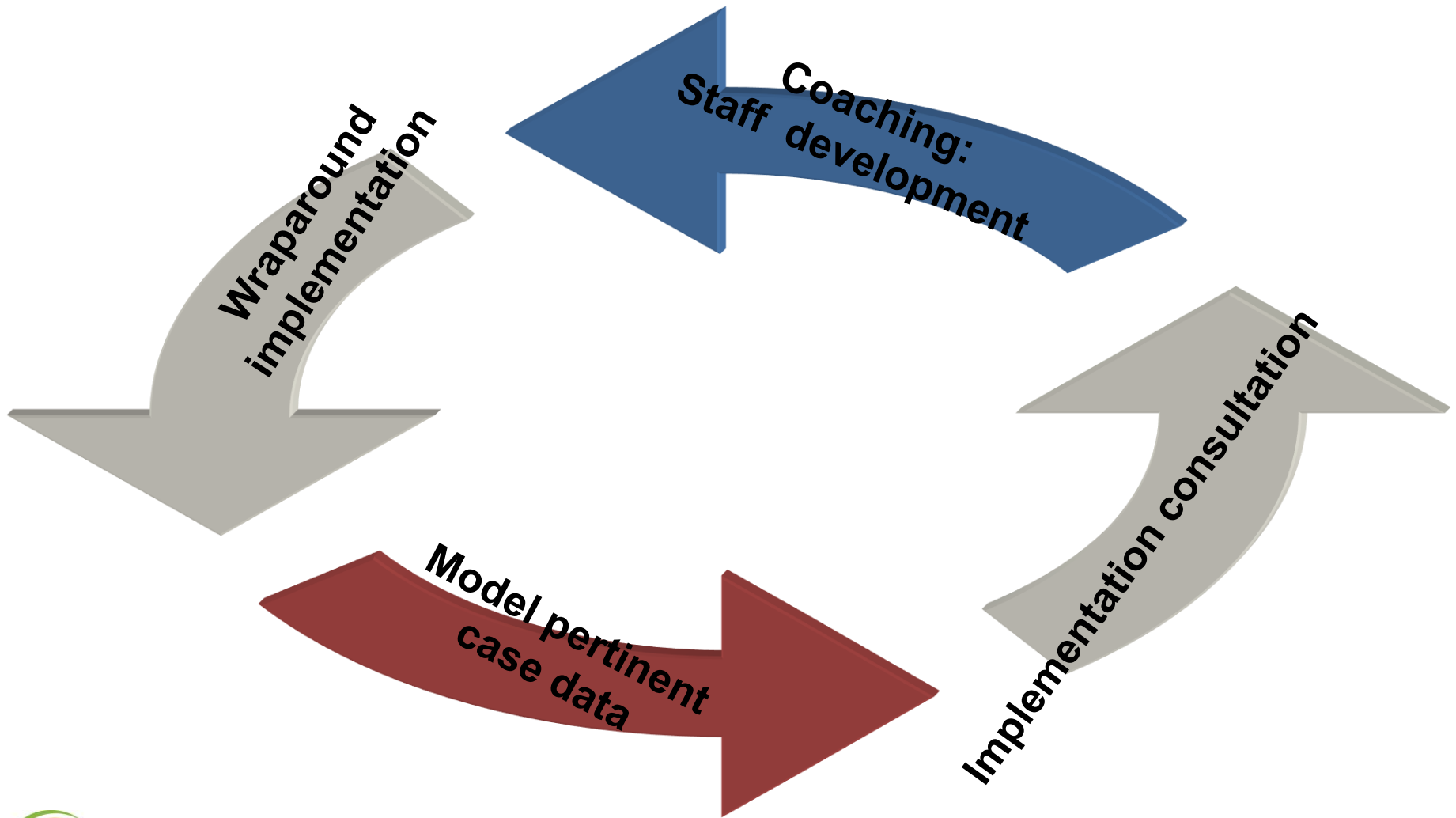
# Integrate or refer?



# NIRN Implementation Drivers



# Systematic data-informed coaching develops a culture of support & accountability



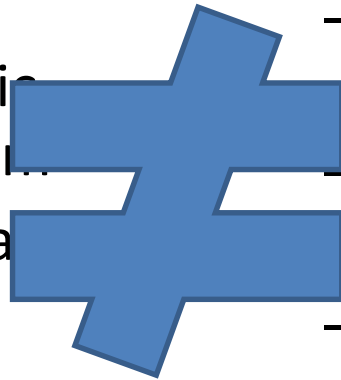
# EBP and Systems of Care

- EBP

- May be focused on addressing a specific symptom or problem
- Defined and manual
- Skill-focused
- Practitioner-directed
- Often time limited

- Systems of care/wrap

- Comprehensive plans, multiple components
- Individualized, holistic, flexible
- Family and youth directed
- Engages community and natural supports
- Support persists until needs are met



# Potential barriers to integration

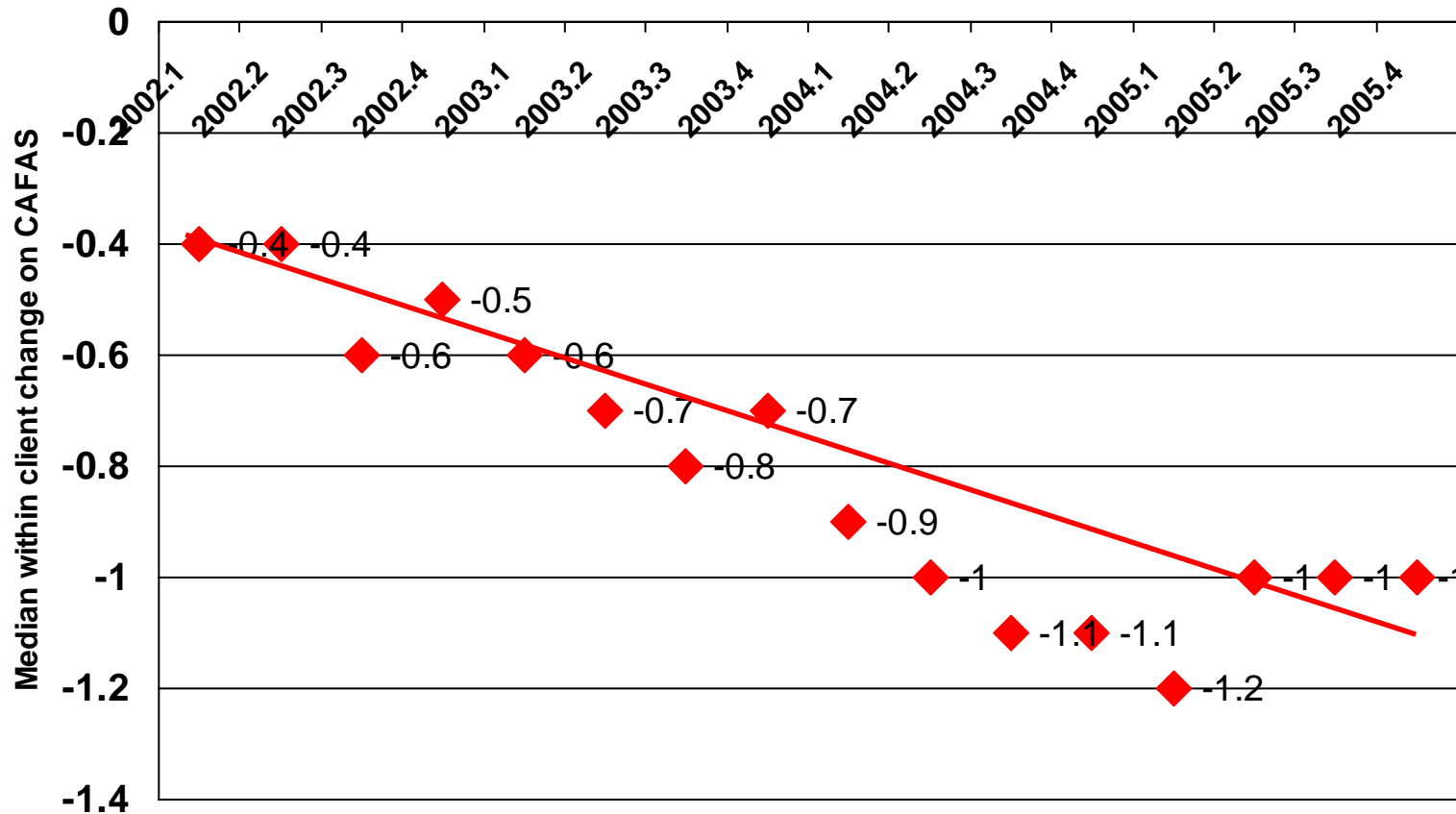
- EBPs do not address the complexity of youth needs
  - Many youth not eligible
  - Not flexible enough to change course – if youth does not respond, what next?
- Specification may leave little room for family choice
- Some EBPs are comprehensive and require cessation of other supports (e.g., wrap facilitators)
- Costs of EBP
  - Funding care coordinators, family and youth support, and other SOC features + EBP is challenging
- Attitudinal
  - Misconceptions about the underlying philosophies
  - Lack of understanding of how they can be coordinated

# Benefits of coordinating EBP with SOC/wrap

- Families and youth have “informed choice” and can choose from proven practices
  - Systems of care principles dictate need for an array of effective service options
- Clinical providers can implement proven practices in a flexible, individualized, family-directed manner
- Peer support workers and natural supports can provide follow-on support for skill-building
- Evidence shows it can improve youth outcomes

# “Getting better at getting them better”:

Wrap+EBP in Hawaii led to greater improvement over time



# System-level: Options for coordination

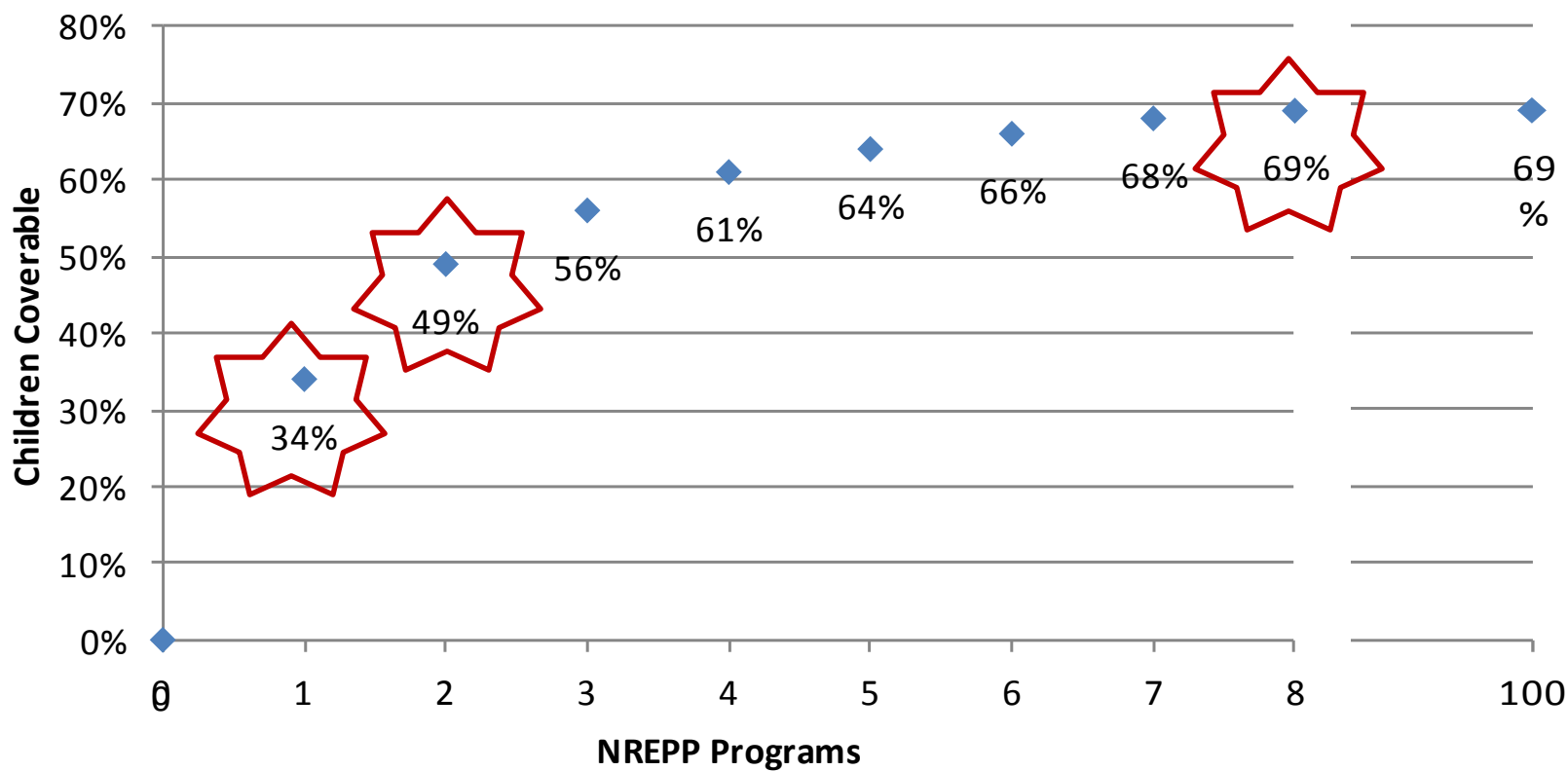
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- Analyze local EBP availability
- Invest in intensive, community-based EBPs that can meet youth and family needs
  - MST
  - FFT
  - Triple-P
  - Specific office-based models, e.g., TFCBT, AF-CBT
- Ensure a community team is regularly reviewing data on needs and outcomes of youth and families to direct investment in the service array



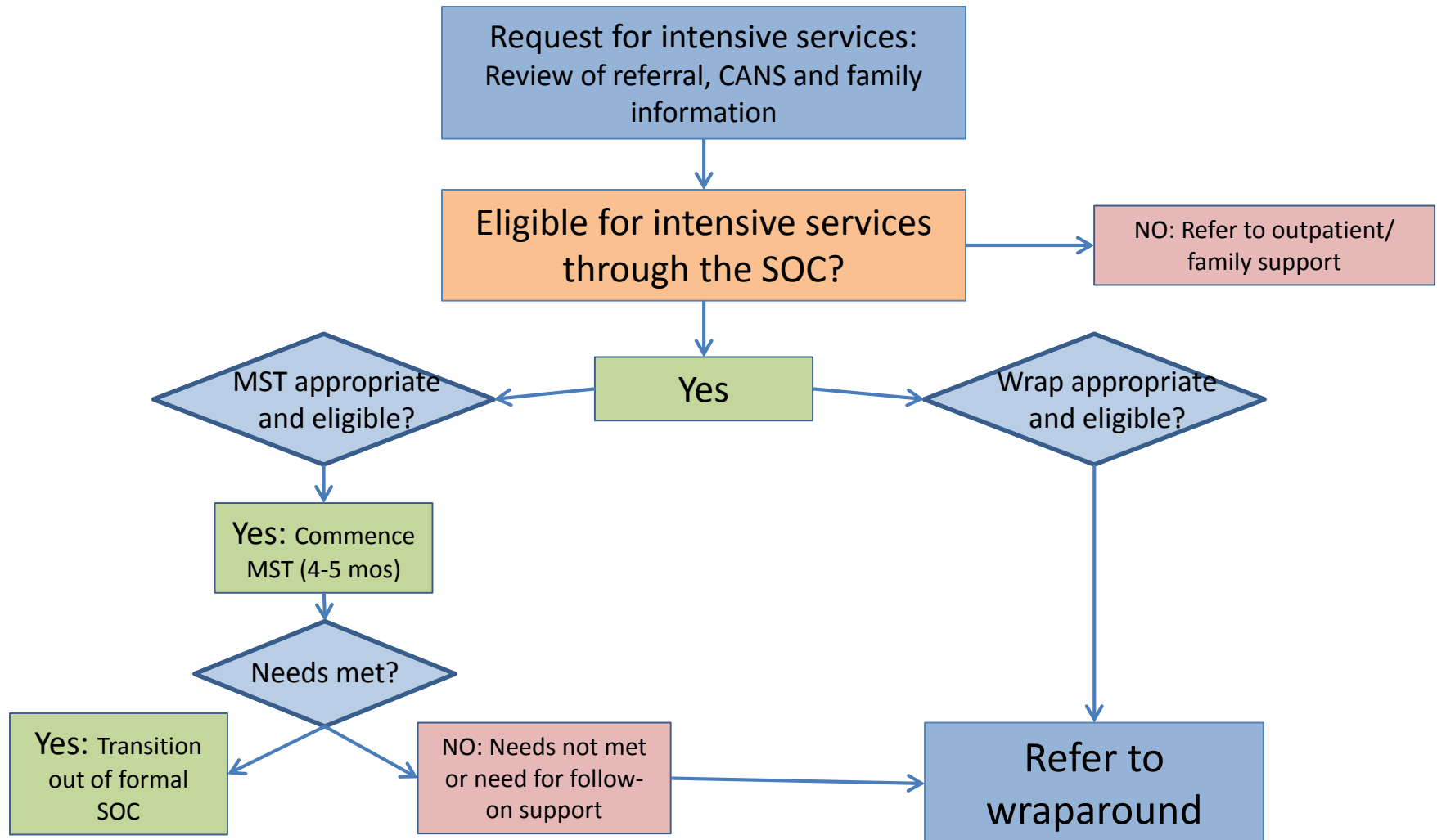
# A few EBPs can go a long way... and more than 2-3 may be overkill

“Coverage” of youth problem areas (by age, gender) provided by different numbers of EBPs



Chorpita, B. F., Bernstein, A. D., & Daleiden, E. L. (2011). Empirically guided coordination of multiple evidence-based treatments: An illustration of relevance mapping in children's mental health services. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 79, 470-480.

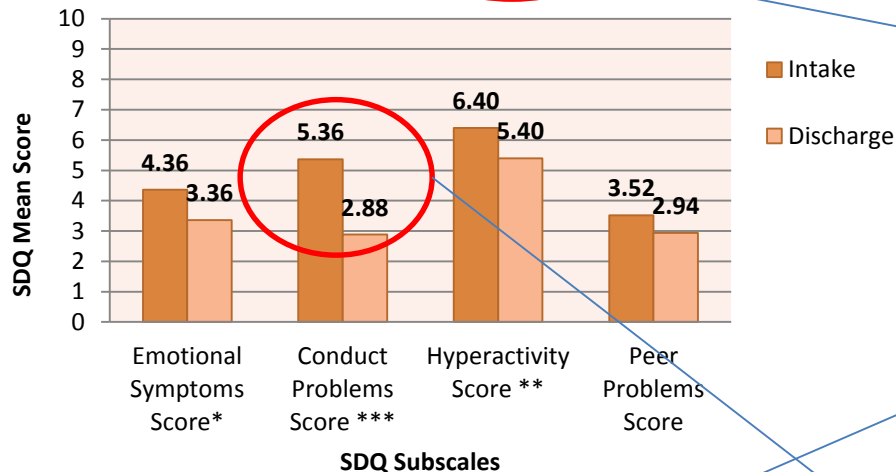
# Matching need to options: Example from one system of care



# Youth Needs and Outcomes

*In a system with both MST and wrap*

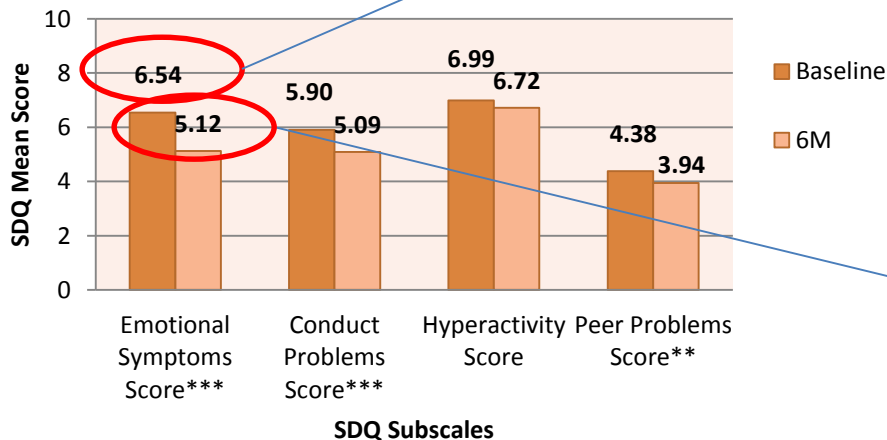
Mean Scores for SDQ at Intake and Discharge of MST Services (N=32)



MST only relevant for 25% of youth with complex needs

Wraparound enrolled youth show substantially greater overall clinical needs as per the SDQ

Mean Scores for SDQ at Baseline and Six Months for Wraparound Enrolled Youths (N=94)



MST youth show greater improvement in conduct problems

Wraparound youth show greater improvement in emotional symptoms

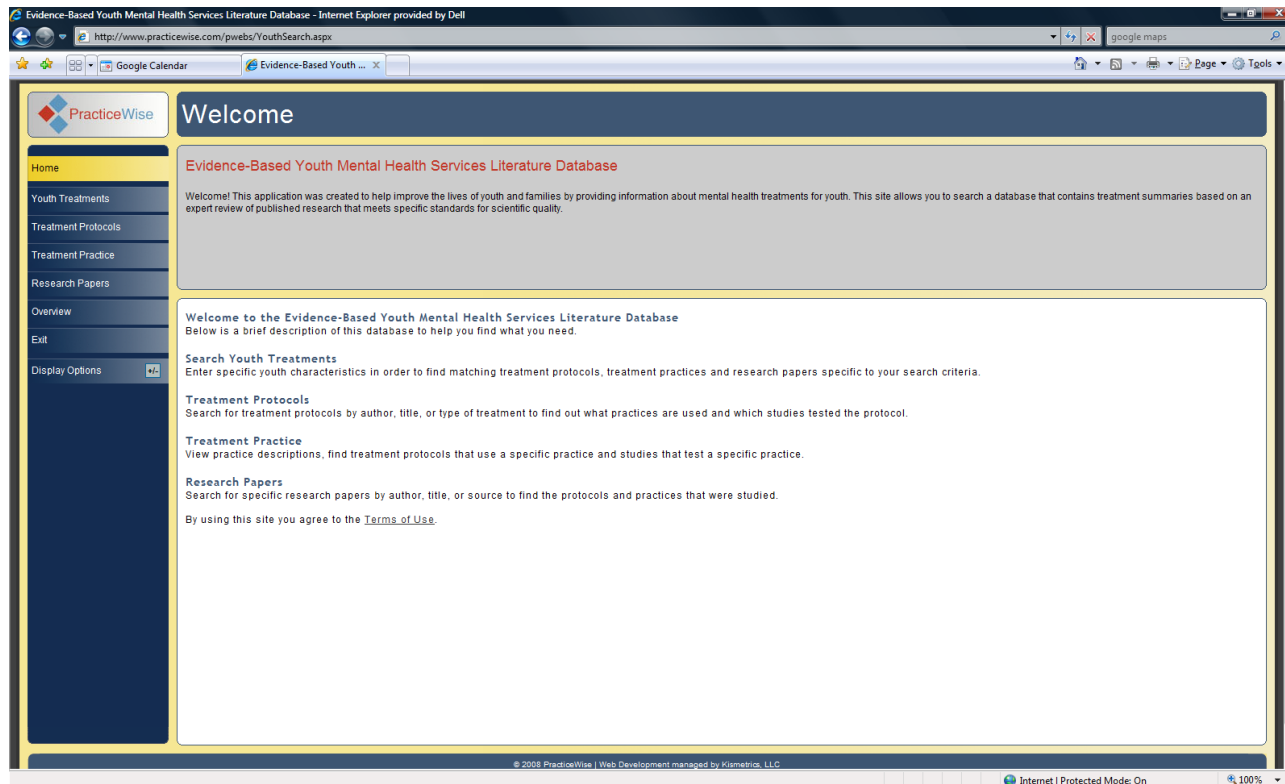
# Provider options for applying EBPs to wraparound populations

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- Train clinicians in the SOC on relevant manualized EBPs
- Train clinicians on modularized EBP approaches
  - To flexibly meet the needs of youth and families engaged in team-based wraparound care coordination
- Train and supervise care coordinators to understand how to build plans of care that include EBPs
  - While also adhering to wraparound model and a strength and need orientation
- Train and supervise family and youth support partners to understand how to be effective care extenders for EBP elements that are in plans of care

# Informed Collaboration

- PracticeWise EBS (PWEBS) Database
  - Approx 700 trials that represent specific strategies for addressing particular youth and family needs



Evidence-Based Youth

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Summary of Youth Treatments

Your current search criteria are:

Problem Type: Disruptive Behavior

Age: 8

Gender: Either

Strength of Evidence: 1 Best Support

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Your search returned:

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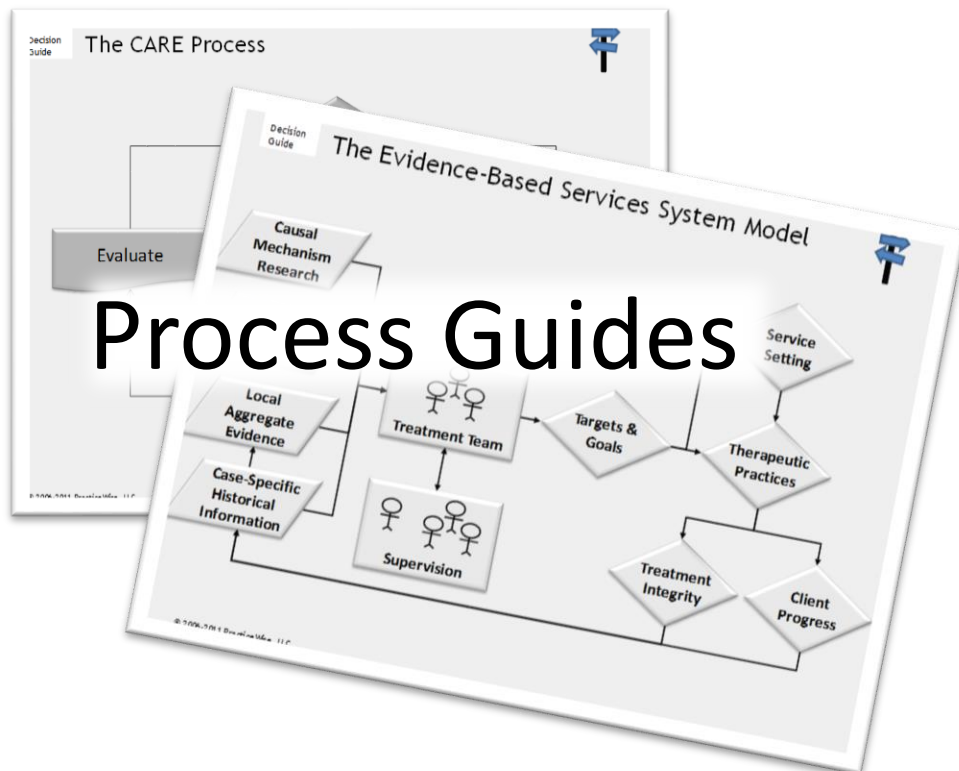
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PRACTICE ELEMENT	PERCENT OF GROUPS		
Praise	92	School	7
Tangible Rewards		Home	4
Time Out	86	Individual	41
Differential Reinforcement of Other Behavior	77	Group	35
Commands	71	Group	22
Psychoeducation - Caregiver	71	Parent	19
Monitoring	53	Self	19
Problem Solving	50	Family	13
Modeling	48	Individual Client	10
Attending	42	Multiple Family	7
Stimulus Control or Antecedent Management	42	Other Format	4

This tells you the practice elements that match the youth characteristics entered.

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# Dedicated Resources for Decisions and Action



<input type="checkbox"/> Discuss life goals in the context of the target behavior	Have the child state specific goals for 5, 10, and 20 years. Then, ask: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How important is it for you to achieve these goals? Why?</li> <li>• What would it take for you to reach your goals?</li> <li>• Have you ever done something like this before?</li> <li>• What did it take for you to achieve your goals in the past?</li> </ul> Ask: "How will [the behaviors] help you achieve your goals?" "How will
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**Practitioner Guide**

## Motivational Enhancement

**Use This When:**

To increase reflection, efficacy, and commitment about behavior change.

**Objectives:**

- To highlight the discrepancy between values and life goals and current behavior
- To increase perceptions of self-efficacy

**Steps:**

☐ Adopt a collaborative, reflective style

The purpose of motivational enhancement is to promote the child's reflection about behavior in relation to goals. Be aware that resistance to behavior change is normal. Avoid imposing a specific end goal (e.g., total abstinence). Instead, encourage any behavior change that has the potential to improve the current situation (e.g., reduction of harm or risk related to behavior). Also minimize advice-giving, persuasion, and confrontation, which are contrary to the principles of motivational enhancement and likely to increase resistance to change.

☐ Explain rationale

Let the child know you value his or her perspectives and want to learn how the child makes decisions about behavior. Normalize and empathize with the child's situation (e.g., "Other children say it's a real hassle when adults are on their case about [substance use, sexual risk behaviors, unhealthy eating or exercise habits, poor study habits, etc.] and that they get frustrated when other people tell them how they should change.").

☐ Elicit benefits of a specific behavior

Have the child think about the immediate and long-term benefits of a specific target behavior (e.g., substance use, violating curfew). To promote reflection, ask questions such as:

- What feels good/is helpful about [the behavior] when you do it?
- How does [the behavior] help you feel good about yourself?
- How does [the behavior] help you cope with problems?
- How does [the behavior] help you feel good about your future?

**Helpful Tips:**

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**For Child**

**Helpful Tips:**

- Have the child think about the immediate and long-term negative outcomes of the behavior. Ask questions such as:
- What feels bad/unhelpful about [the behavior] when you do it?
- How does [the behavior] get in the way of feeling good about yourself?
- How does [the behavior] get in the way of coping with your problems?
- How does [the behavior] cause problems for you with socially?
- How does [the behavior] get in the way of doing what needs to be done?

Thoroughly explore and record the child's responses. If the child has difficulty thinking of negative consequences, provide prompts (e.g., "Some kids say that drinking can make it hard for them to study or to do well during sports competitions. Is this a concern for you?"). Validate and empathize (e.g., "It must be really tough to your parents/teachers/the police on your case."). Have the child provide relative rankings of the negative consequences (i.e., which consequence is most problematic?).

# Anatomy of a Practice Guide

Practice  
Guide

## Problem Solving

### Use This When:

To provide children with a systematic way to negotiate problems and to consider alternative solutions to situations.



What It  
Is

ives:

to teach a method of problem solving that involves clearly defining the problem, generating possible solutions, examining the solutions, implementing a solution and evaluating its effectiveness

When to  
Use It

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e all have problems, every day.  
can make us feel good, and not solving

the types of problems  
more specific  
Appropriate situations

Who It's  
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# Local Knowledge Resource: Dashboard

Progress

Practice

## Progress and Practice Monitoring Tool

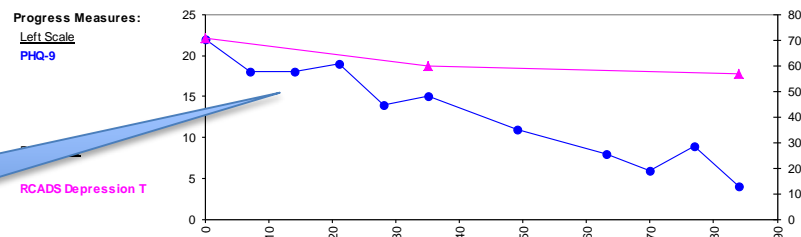
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Age (in years): 7.1  
Primary Diagnosis: Depression

Gender: Female  
Ethnicity: African American

### Progress Measures:

Left Scale  
PHQ-9



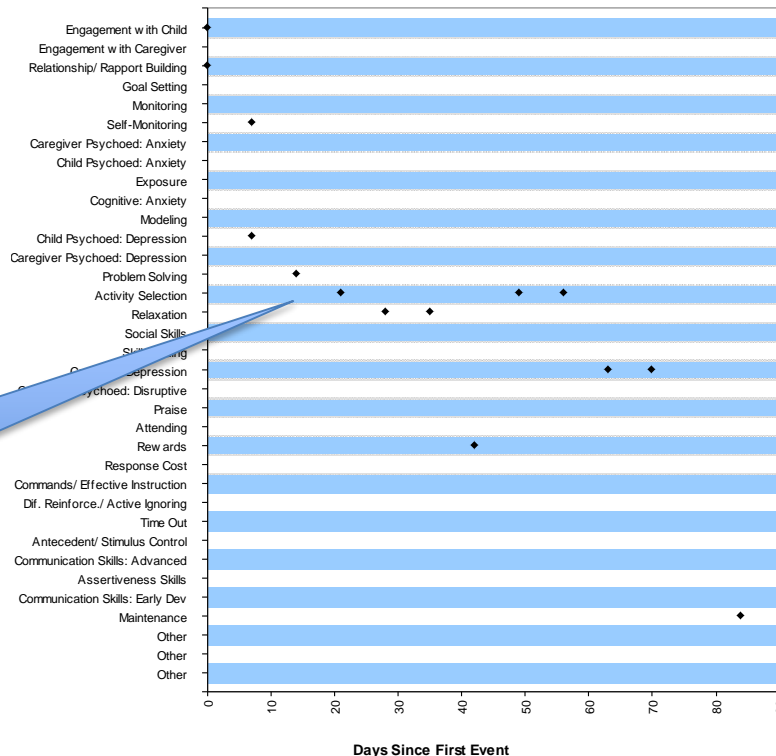
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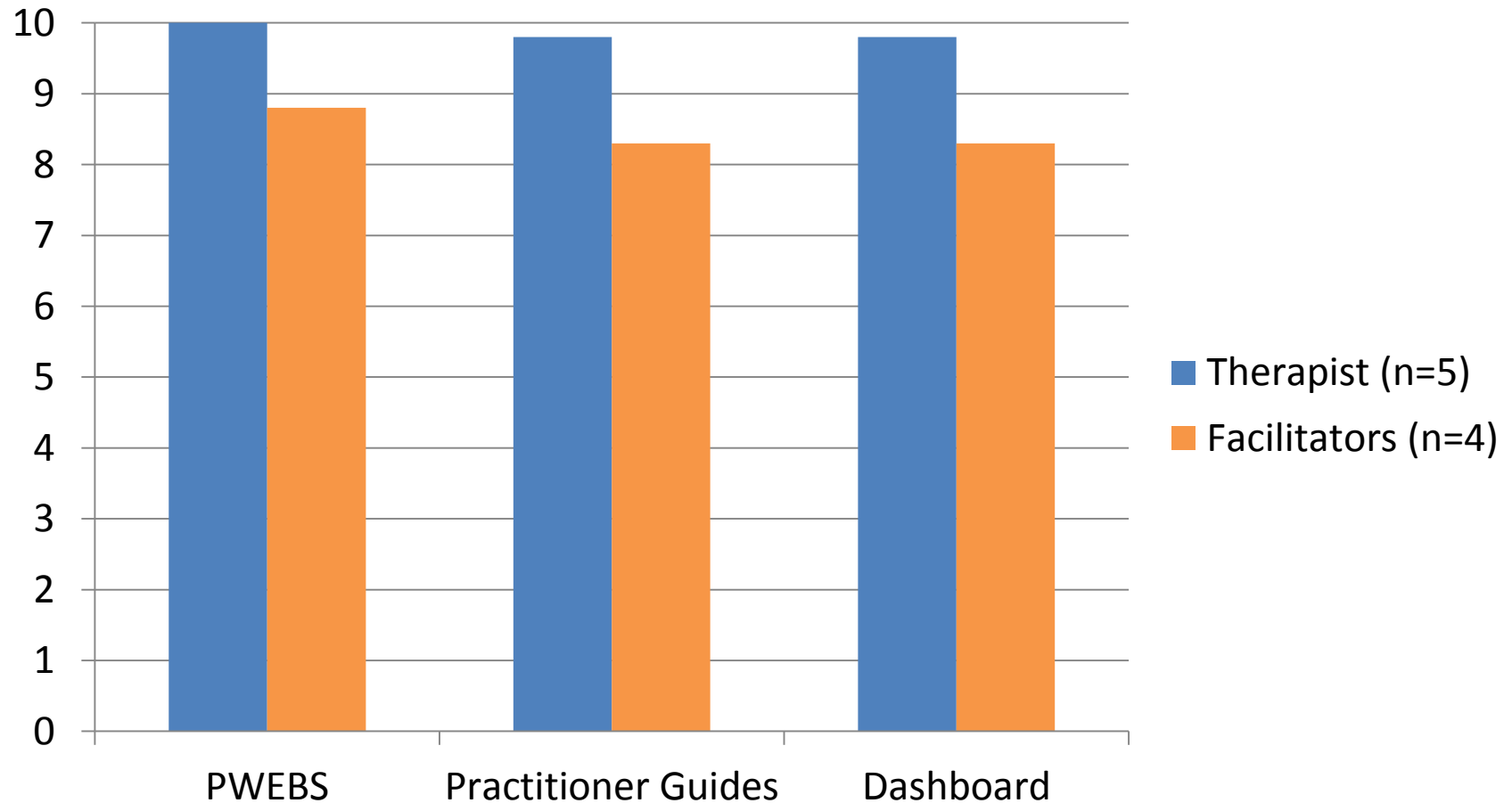
### Display Measure:

Yes PHQ-9  
Yes RCADS Depression T  
No  
No

Display Time:  
To Last Event



# Facilitators Rate Usefulness of MAP Tools Almost as Highly as Therapists



# Wrap+MAP Idea 1: Generate Research Based Options in Planning and Implementation

- Use PWEBS searches at strategic points in planning process
  - ▣ When youth has a need that could be met through clinical services
  - ▣ When team is “stuck” and looking for options
- Use Practice Guides to help family and team members understand options
  - ▣ Increases transparency and clarity of purpose of clinical service
  - ▣ Moving from professional driven care to inclusion of natural helpers with training and support

# Wrap+MAP Idea 2: Collective Team Focus & Integrated Support Planning

- Train and coach wraparound-affiliated clinicians on MAP system and treatment elements
- Certify clinicians in MAP
- Train facilitators in the integration of EPT elements and eliciting expertise from team members
- Develop mechanism for training and integration across team members, settings, and strategy implementation

# Wrap+MAP Idea 3: Parent Partners and Community Supports Serve as EBP “Care Extenders”

- Modify selected MAP treatment elements to “care extension” strategies appropriate to peer support and paraprofessional roles
- Orient/train team members in care extender model
- Facilitator to insure the team considers how to actively integrate this type of follow-on support into wraparound plans

# Wrap+MAP Idea 4: Monitor More Consistently and Change Plans as Needed

- ❑ Facilitators trained to use team-level dashboard
- ❑ Clinicians trained to use MAP clinical dashboard
- ❑ Supervisors trained to use dashboards in supervision

# Other options for wraparound providers

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- Incorporate elements of evidence based models directly into the wraparound process

# Integrating EBP elements: Houston example

## Engagement phase:

### Family organization & development (Solution Based Casework)

- Clarify behavior of concern: Duration, frequency, intensity & context
- Timeline events affecting family composition (learning the family story)

## Planning Phase:

### Team composition & development (Family Group Conferencing; TDM)

- Differentiate core & extended team
- Team structure via agreements on behavioral goals & guidelines

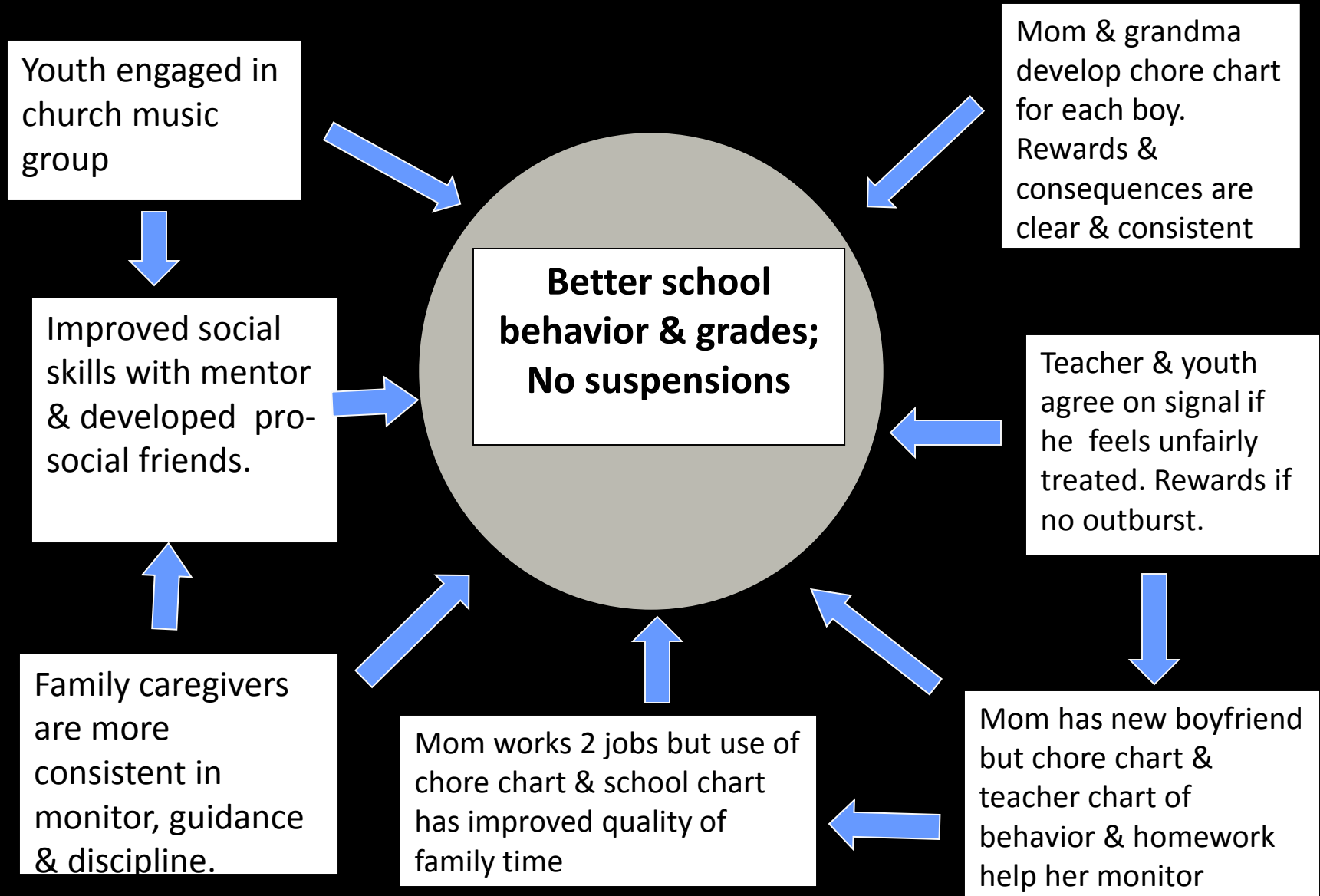
## Planning and Implementation Phase:

### Ecological systems theory: Assessment & interventions (MST)

- Fit circle assessment: Identifying functional strengths that promote outcomes
- Fit circle assessment: Contributing factors to Priority needs
- Specific, strengths-based, step-by-step interventions that build skills and diminish or eliminate factors contributing to well-identified problem.



# Achievement Fit Circle: *What are Functional Strengths?*

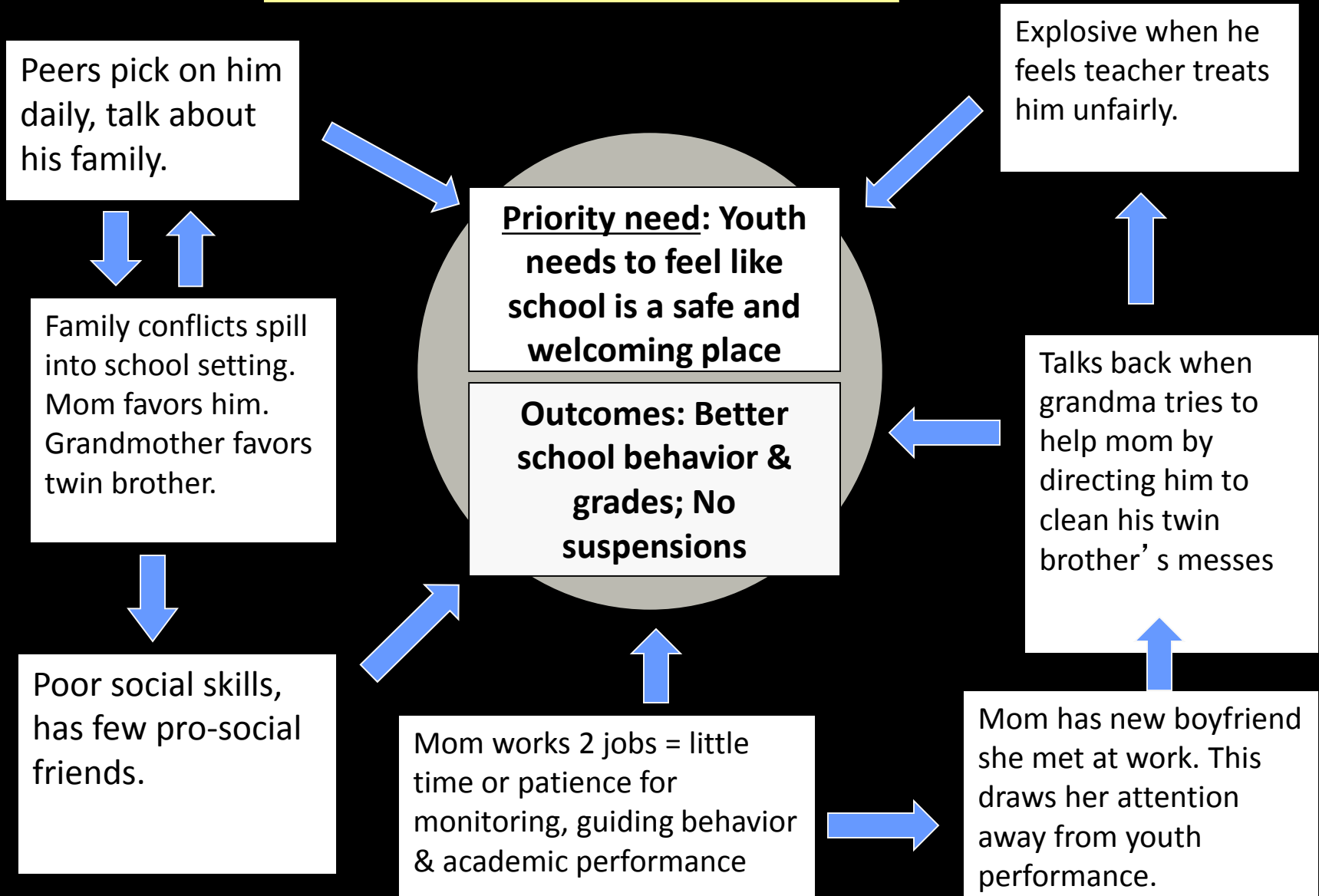


# Strengths Assessment Data Form

- Interactions support family achievements = ID strengths & natural supports
- Strengths are behaviors, not personality characteristics, hopes or desires
- Develop achievement fit circles frequently with family & team
- Transfer identified strengths to this form
- Identify when team uses them as basis for interventions.

Date Identified	Strengths	Date Applied in Intervention
	Youth Family Peers School Community	

# Fit Circle: What maintains the need?



# Constraints Assessment Data Form

- Patterns of interaction in family or between family members & others often contribute to behaviors of concern
- We eliminate or diminish a contributing factor with strengths-based interventions designed by the family & team
- Regularly develop problem fit circles with family & team & transfer contributing factors as they are identified & targeted to this form.

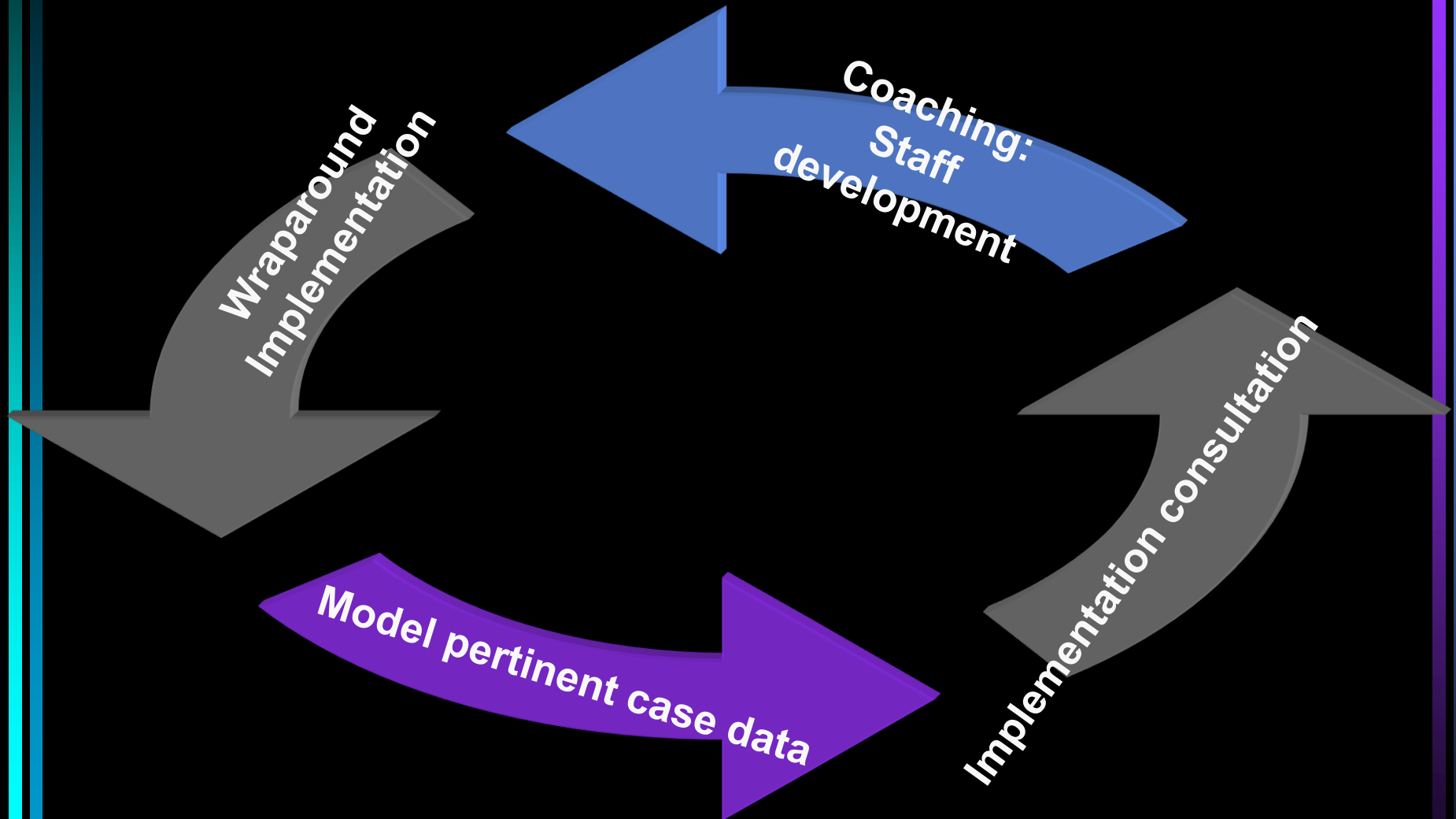
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	Youth Family Peers School Community	

# Smart Interventions Data Form

Date\_\_\_\_ Family/Youth\_\_\_\_\_Care Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Partner \_\_\_\_\_

Underlying need and outcome of interest	Targeted contributing factors	Specific strengths used in intervention	Intervention	Evaluation of Intervention & Outcomes
Center of “Need/ problem” fit circle	Surround problem fit circles & in constraints data form	From strengths fit circles & in strengths data form	<p>Who does what with whom, when, &amp; in what manner?</p> <p>Who evaluates intervention &amp; how frequently?</p>	<p>Implemented as intended?</p> <p>If not, what constrained?</p> <p>Outcomes?</p> <p>Transfer lessons to data forms</p>

# Systematic data-informed coaching



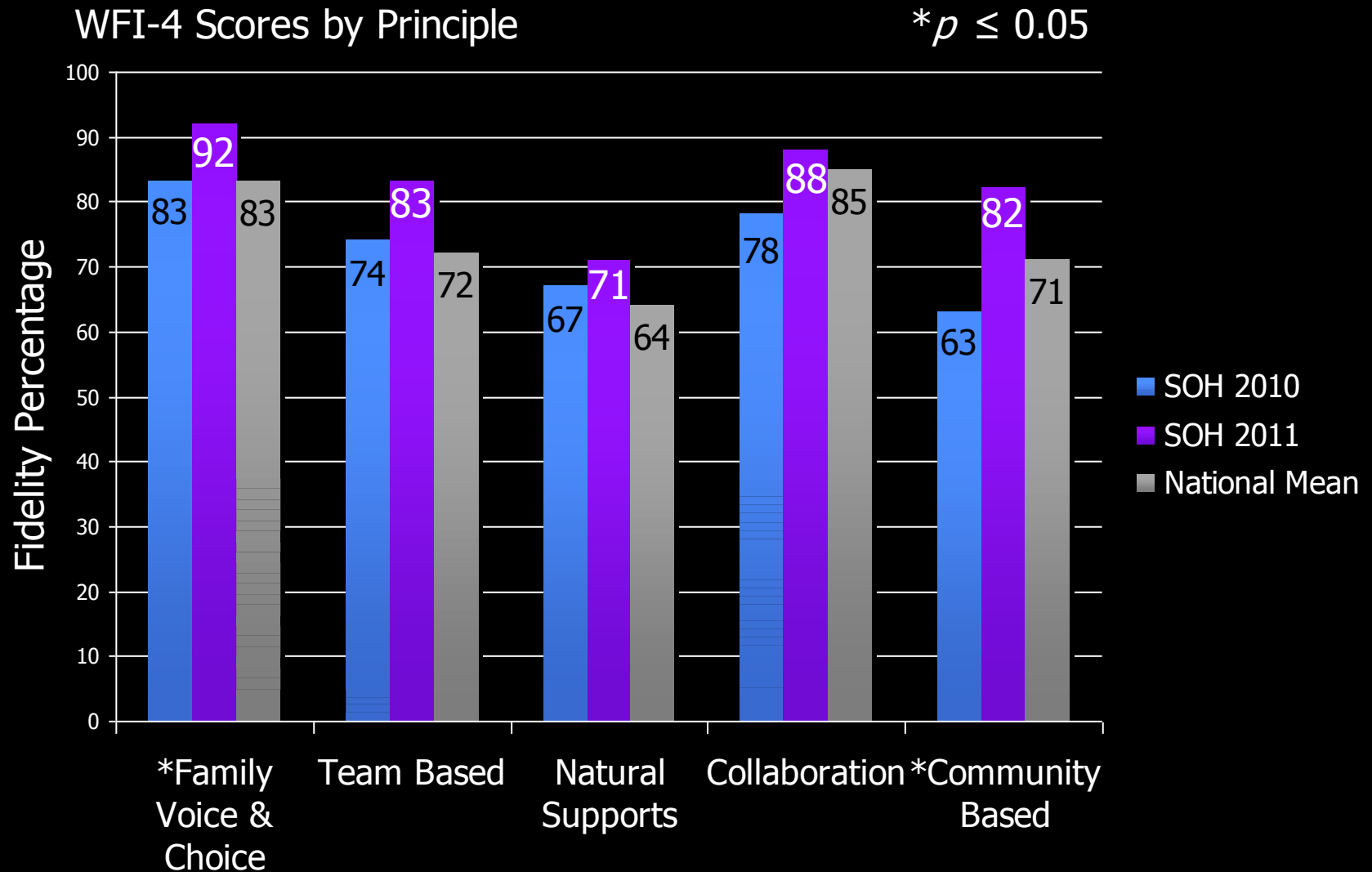
## Improvements after 12-18 months

- Expanded & differentiated team composition
- With behaviorally specific goals, related rules of operation, & use of fit circles, team assessment and brainstorming became more robust.

### Behavioral fit circle assessment ---> improved interventions

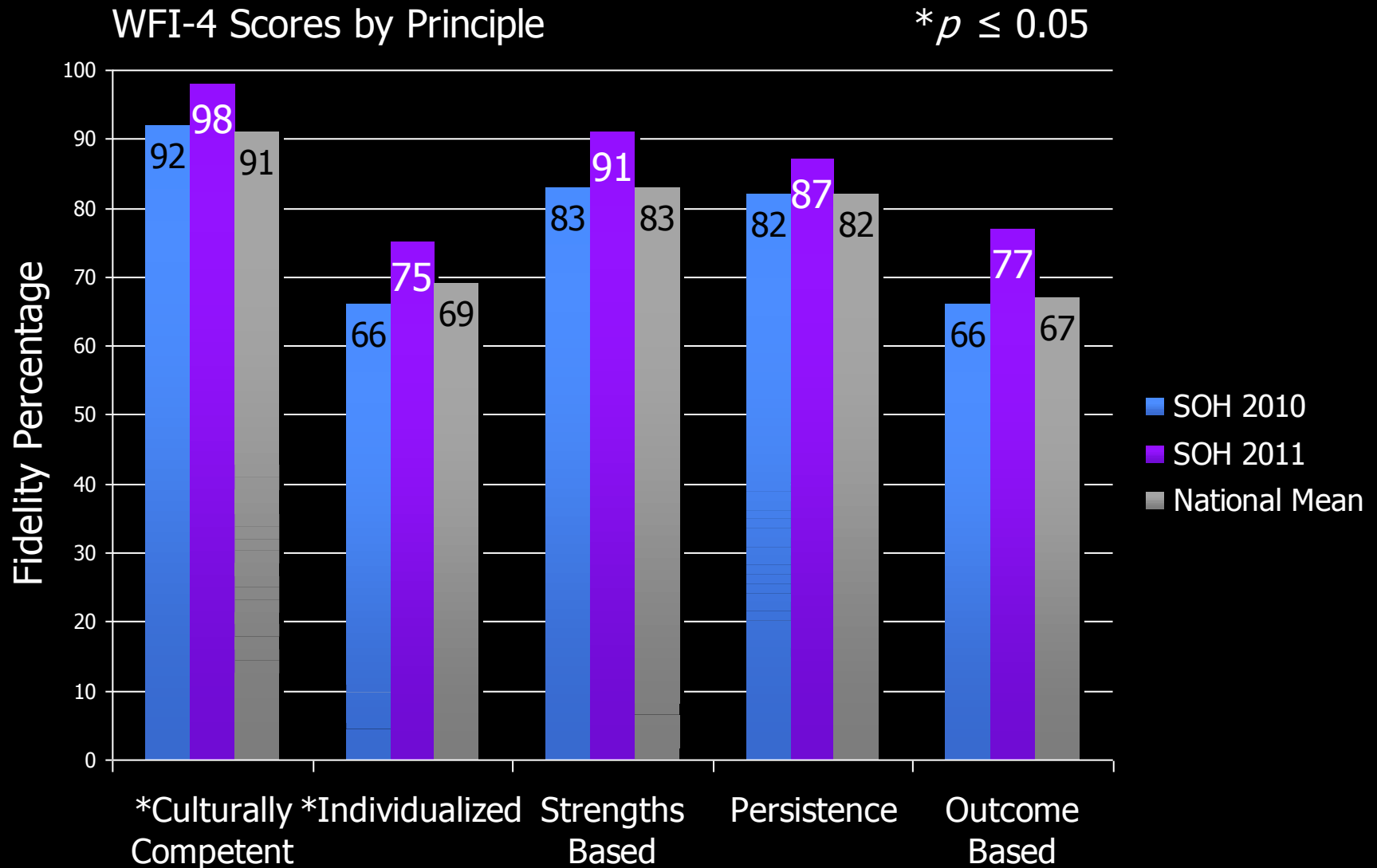
- More complex multi-system interventions  
(school & home interventions that complement each other)
- Effective step-by-step interventions last < 6 weeks
- Contrary to staff concerns, families embraced use of fit circles & a behavioral focus on parenting

# Pre and Post Implementation





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# School Disciplinary Actions 2011

	National (n = 134)		SOH (n = 44)	
Actions	Intake	6 Months	Intake	6 Months
Suspended	32.8%	26.1%	54.5%	31.8%
Expelled	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%
Neither Suspended Nor Expelled	64.9%	69.4%	38.6%	63.6%

# System Re-design: The Texas landscape

- Priority—Evidence-Based Practices, Fidelity
- Selection of EBPs—Process
  - Appropriate/effective for population
  - Delivered by bachelor's level staff (skills training)
  - Affordable
- EBPs Selected
  - Skills Training/Rehab: Aggression Replacement Training (ART), Seeking Safety, Nurturing Parenting, Skillstreaming,
  - Counseling: CBT, TF-CBT, PCIT
  - Intensive Needs: Wraparound



# Integrating EBPs into a statewide system

- Texas Administrative Code
  - Intensive Case Management = Wraparound
  - Skills Training & Development = Department approved EBP
- Contract
  - Training/Competency Requirements
- Implementation Support
  - Billing Guidelines for ICM
    - Aligning activities of wraparound with intensive case management
  - Training Infrastructure



# Lessons Learned

- State
  - Fidelity
  - Competency
  - Coaching/Support
- Organization
  - Organization-wide buy-in
  - Workforce development
  - Recruitment & Retention



# Summary of Main Points

- It is important that we use effective and cost-effective strategies in children's behavioral health
- Although there are challenges, EBP can be thoughtfully integrated into family- and youth-driven, individualized systems of care
  - System:
    - Include intensive EBPs as alternatives to wraparound
    - Include office-based EBPs as components of wrap plans
  - The provider level:
    - Train clinicians in the SOC on EBPs and use of evidence
    - Train facilitators and peer partners on how to use/support strategies with evidence for success
  - The youth, family, and team level
    - Work as a team to select and implement strategies that meet needs and are based on evidence