

# IMPLEMENTATION MAPPING

## Designing Strategies to Improve Adoption, Implementation and Sustainment

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# GOALS

## 1. INTRODUCE

Implementation Strategies and  
some challenges



## 2. DESCRIBE

Implementation Mapping as a  
method for designing and  
tailoring implementation  
strategies



## 3. DEMONSTRATE

How Implementation Mapping is  
used in the real world



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**“A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE THAT ACTS  
IS WORTH INFINITELY MORE THAN  
MUCH KNOWLEDGE THAT IS IDLE.”**

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**-Kahlil Gibran**

# INTERVENTION IMPACT

Health Education & Behavior



Impact Factor: **4.2** / 5-Year Impact Factor: **3.8**

[JOURNAL HOMEPAGE](#)

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The Child and Adolescent Trial for Cardiovascular Health (CATCH): Intervention, Implementation, and Feasibility for Elementary Schools in the United States

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# MULTIFACETED STRATEGY

MULTIPLE DISCRETE STRATEGIES

## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Methods or techniques used to enhance the adoption, implementation, sustainment & scale-up of program or practice.

*"Making the right thing to do the easy thing to do"*  
Dr. Carolyn Clancy

## DISCRETE STRATEGY

SINGLE ACTION OR PROCESS



# MULTIPLE LEVELS OF INFLUENCE

## NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY

- Medicare reimbursement
- Federal efforts to reform healthcare
- National cancer initiatives
- Accreditations
- Professional standards

## STATE HEALTH POLICY

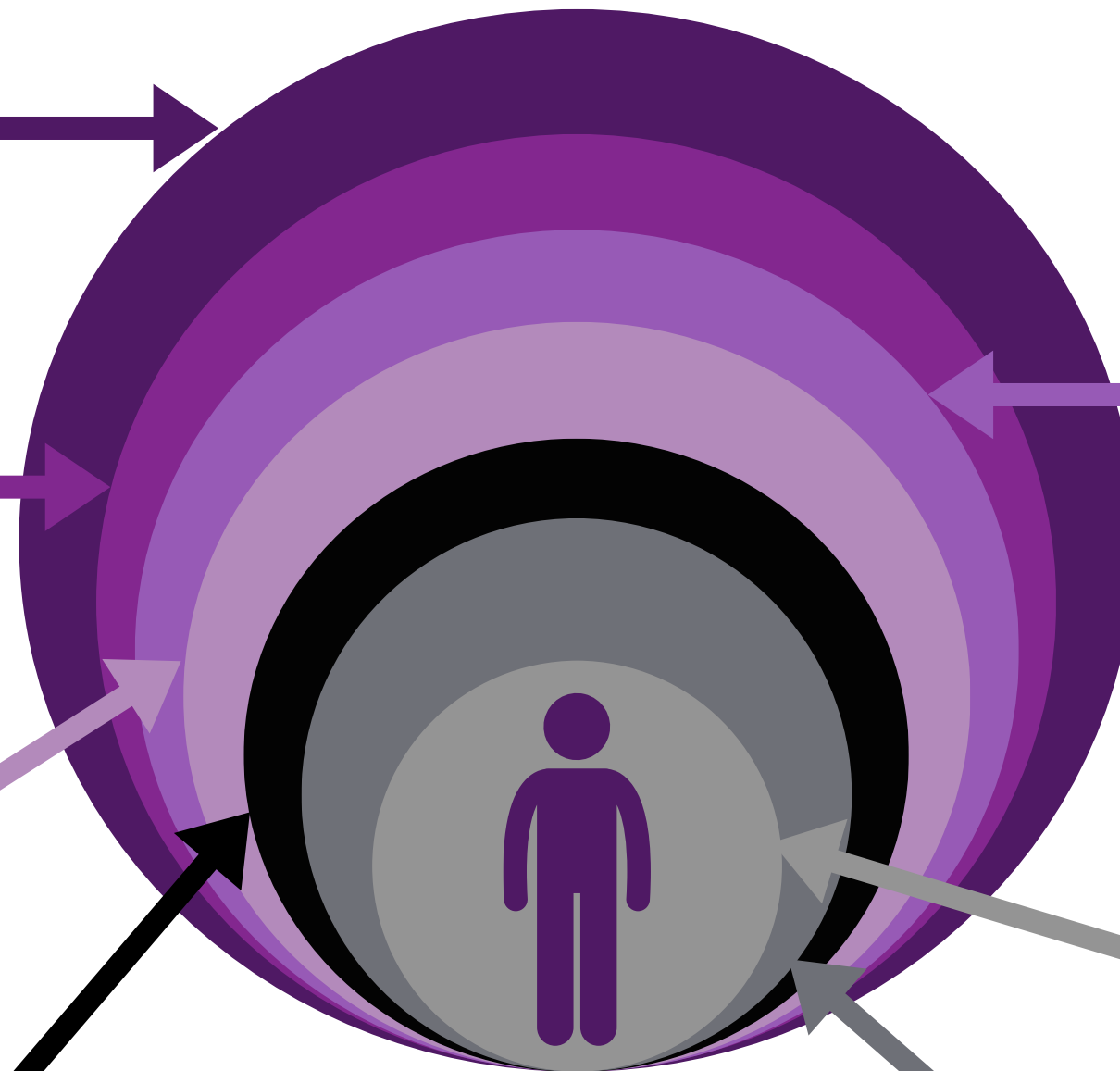
- Medicaid reimbursement
- Hospital performance data policies (dissemination, visibility, etc.)
- State cancer plans/programs
- Regulations/limitations on reimbursement of clinical trials
- Activities of state-wide advocacy groups

## ORGANIZATION/PRACTICE SETTING

- Leadership
- Organizational structure, policies and incentives
- Delivery system design
- Clinical decision support
- Clinical information systems
- Patient education & navigation

## PROVIDER/TEAM

- Knowledge, communication skills
- Perceived barriers, norms, test efficacy
- Cultural competency
- Staffing mix & turnover
- Role definition
- Teamwork



## LOCAL COMMUNITY

- Community Level Resources
- Medical care offerings
- Population SES
- Lay support networks
- Private cancer organizations
- Local Hospital & Cancer Services Market
- Market structure
- Level of competition
- Third-party payers/insurance
- Pay for performance initiatives
- HMO / managed care penetration
- Percent non-profit
- Specialty mix
- Local Professional Norms
- MD practice organizations
- Use of guidelines
- Practice patterns

## IMPROVED QUALITY OF CANCER CARE

Improved Cancer-Related Health Outcomes

## FAMILY/SOCIAL SUPPORTS

- Family dynamics
- Friends, network support

## INDIVIDUAL PATIENT

- Biological factors
- Socio-demographics
- Insurance coverage
- Risk status
- Co-morbidities
- Knowledge, attitudes, beliefs
- Decision-making preferences
- Psychological reaction/coping

# A Process Too Often Haphazard

**ISLAGIATT principle**

**“It Seemed Like A  
Good Idea At The  
Time”**

# DEVELOPING & REFINING A COMPILATION OF IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Expert consensus

“On a common nomenclature for implementation strategy terms, definitions, and categories that can be used to guide implementation research and practice in mental health service settings”

Waltz et al. *Implementation Science* (2015) 10:109  
DOI 10.1186/s13012-015-0295-0



SHORT REPORT

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Use of concept mapping to characterize relationships among implementation strategies and assess their feasibility and importance: results from the Expert Recommendations for Implementing Change (ERIC) study

Thomas J. Waltz<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Byron J. Powell<sup>3</sup>, Monica M. Matthieu<sup>4,5,10</sup>, Laura J. Damschroder<sup>2</sup>, Matthew J. Chinman<sup>6,7</sup>, Jeffrey L. Smith<sup>5,10</sup>, Enola K. Proctor<sup>8</sup> and JoAnn E. Kirchner<sup>5,9,10</sup>

Powell et al. *Implementation Science* (2015) 10:21  
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RESEARCH

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A refined compilation of implementation strategies: results from the Expert Recommendations for Implementing Change (ERIC) project

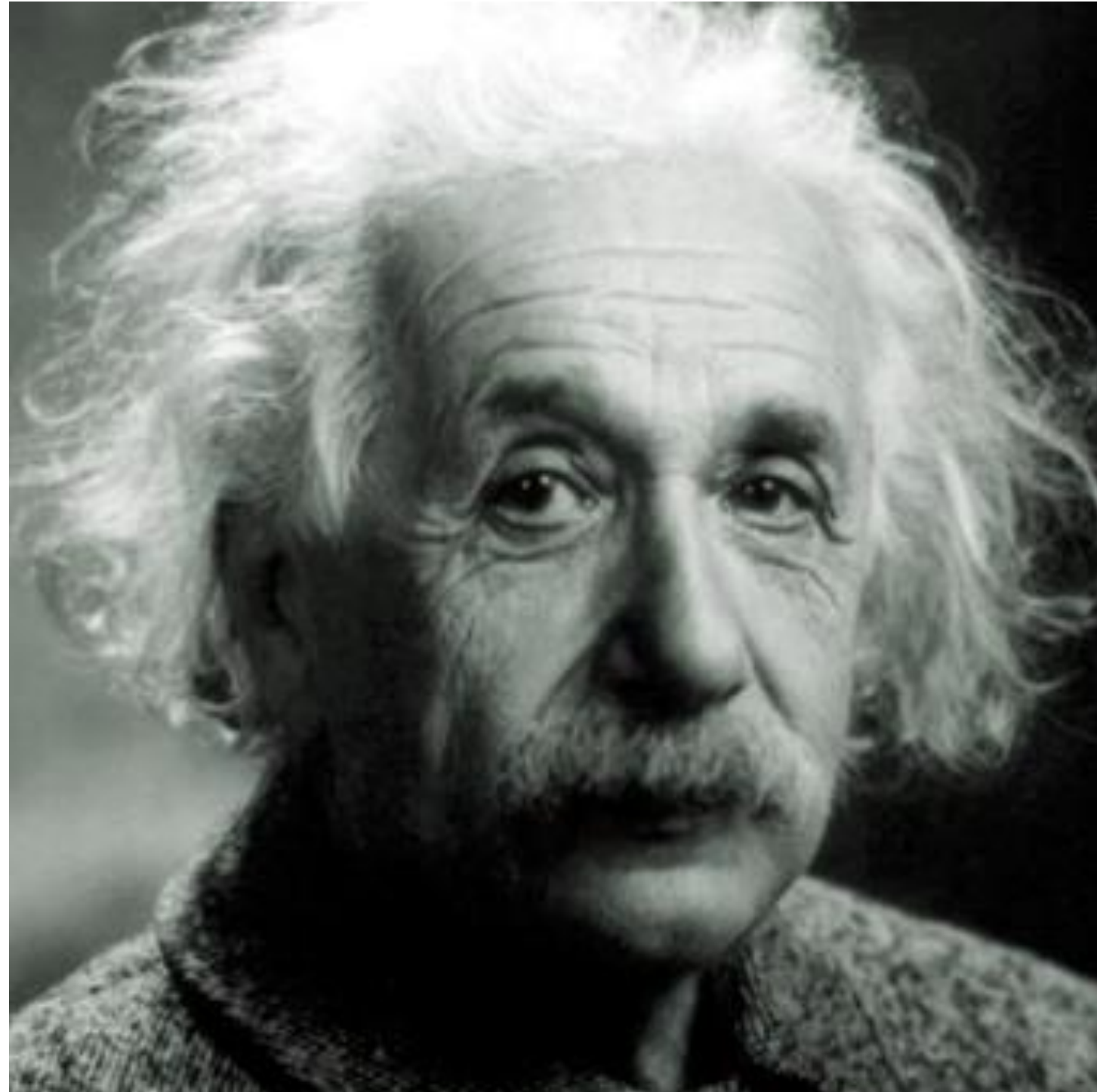
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# Challenges in Selecting Implementation Strategies

1. Some compilations may be less relevant for certain settings
2. Strategies included in compilations are broad and may represent qualitatively different things (delivery channel, assessments, processes)
3. Limitations of the empirical literature in describing strategies
4. Underutilization of conceptual models and theories in the literature
5. Implementation behaviors and conditions are not clearly specified.

Waltz TJ, Powell, BJ, Fernández ME, Abadie, B, Damschroder, LJ. Choosing implementation strategies to address contextual barriers: Diversity in recommendations and future directions. *Implementation Science*, 2019, 14(1):42.



“Make everything as simple as possible, but not simpler.”

Albert Einstein

# DEVELOPING IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

1. Conduct an assessment of factors that influence implementation processes and outcomes (e.g. characteristics of the innovation, setting, preferences of involved stakeholders, barriers, & facilitators).
2. Develop or select & tailor strategies.

# Practical Implementation Science

## Moving Evidence Into Action

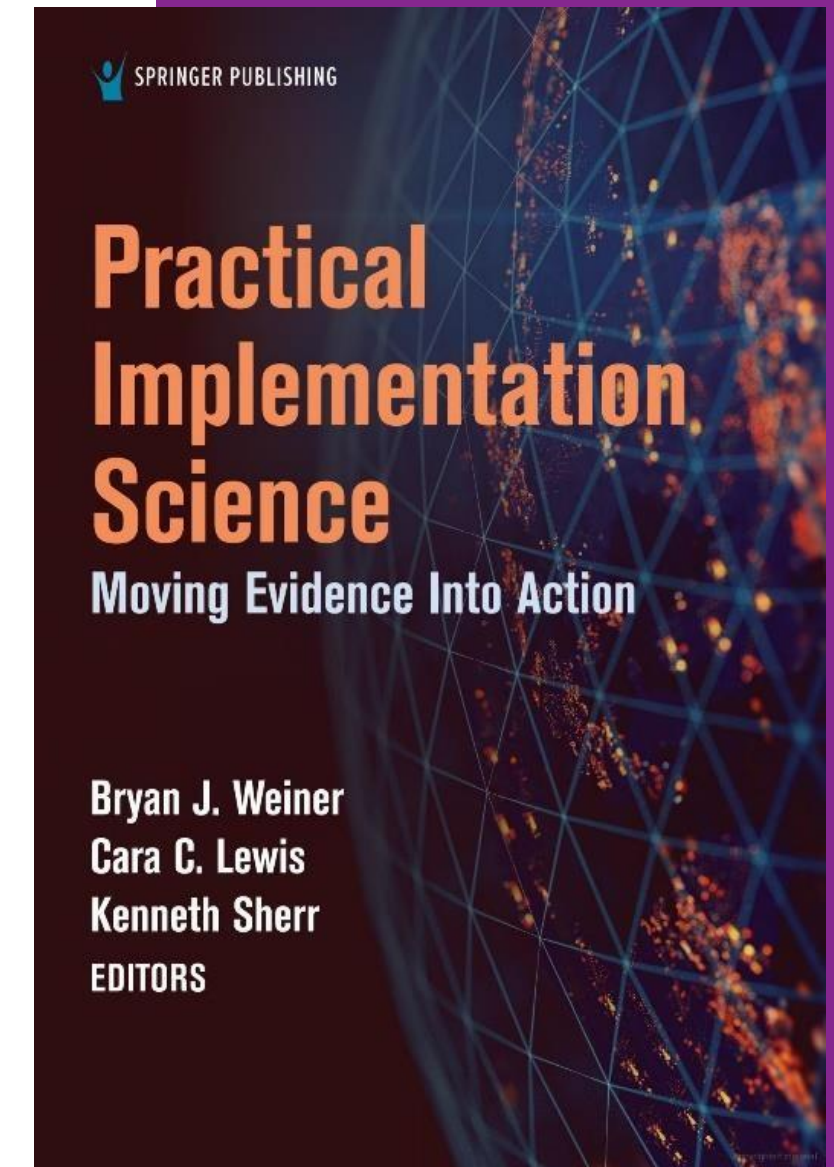
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Ph.D. *Editors*

### Chapter 5: Understanding barriers and facilitators for implementation across settings

*Maria E. Fernandez, Laura Damschroder, Bijal Balasubramanian*

Community and stakeholder engagement should be integrated with four main core processes:

1. *Brainstorm potential barriers and facilitators*  
*(based on experience, past needs assessments, and published literature)*
1. *Use theories and frameworks*
2. *Collect new data*
3. *Prioritize the most important and changeable factors*

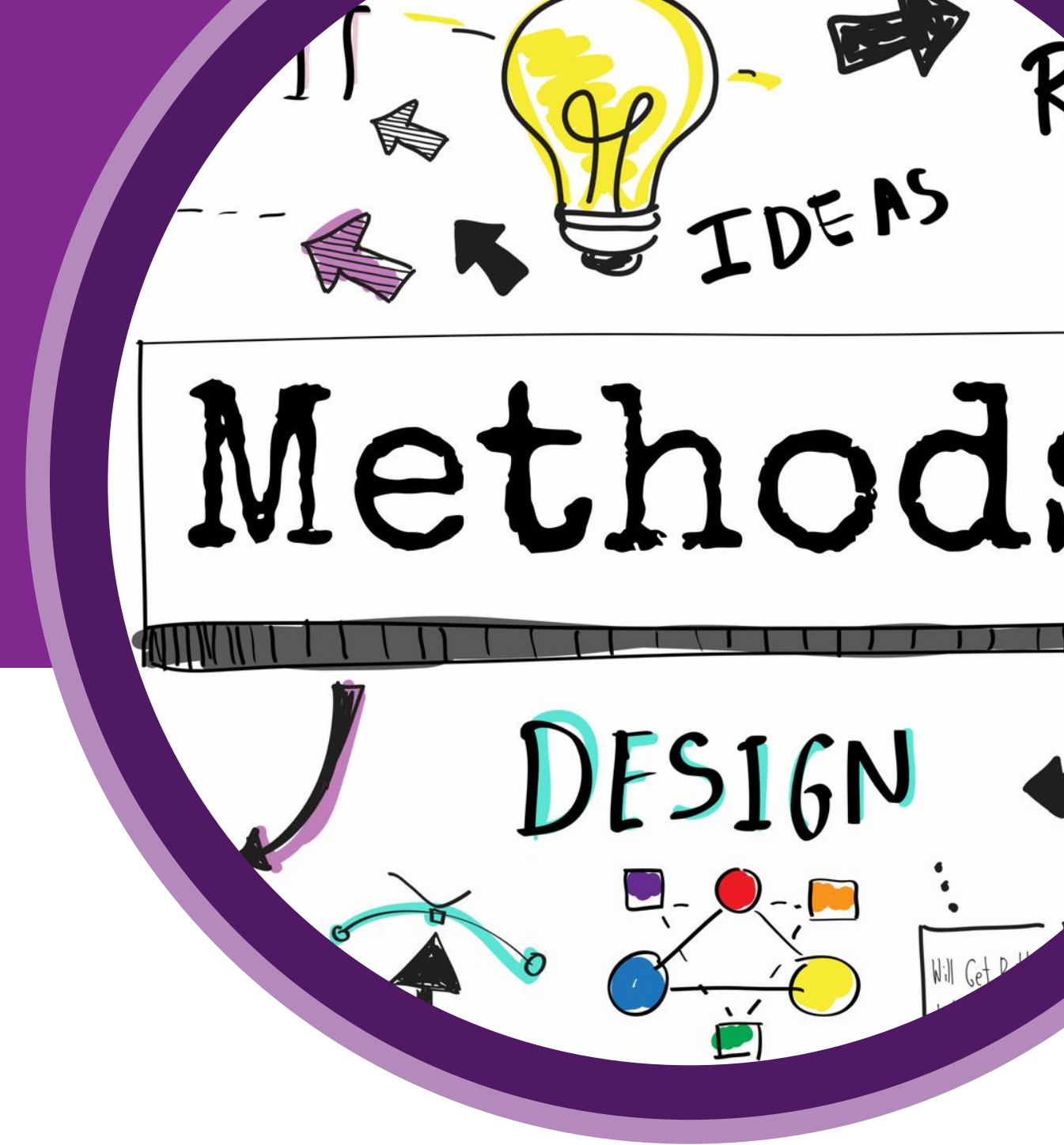


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# METHODS FOR DESIGNING & TAILORING IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

- Group Model Building
- Conjoint Analysis
- Concept Mapping
- Intervention Mapping



Methods to Improve the  
Selection and Tailoring of  
Implementation Strategies



# WHAT IS INTERVENTION MAPPING?

A systematic approach to multilevel intervention development, implementation & evaluation.





## HOW & WHEN

- Ecological approach to program planning
- Use theory and frameworks to inform planning
- Incorporate empirical evidence
- Change the behavior of people in the environment
- Complexity of multi-causation of problems and multi-level intervention
- Effective behavior or systems change interventions



ECOLOGICAL APPROACH



FRAMEWORK FOR  
DECISION-MAKING



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATORY  
PROCESSES



START HERE  
Problem

# FROM UNDERSTANDING TO INTERVENING

A framework for the planning,  
development, implementation &  
evaluation of interventions and programs



ARRIVE  
Solution

# INTERVENTION MAPPING

A systematic approach to multilevel intervention development, adaptation, implementation, and evaluation.



Designing interventions based on theory, evidence, new data, and community engagement.

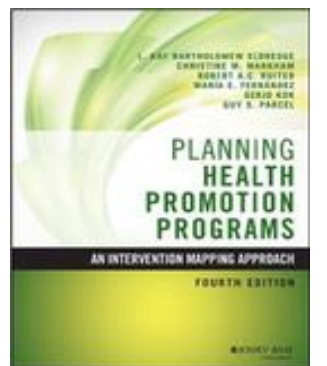


Adapting interventions using IM Adapt to improve fit of evidence-based interventions.



Designing implementation strategies to influence the adoption, implementation, and sustainment of evidence-based interventions (Implementation Mapping).

Planning Health Promotion Programs: An Intervention Mapping Approach, 4th Edition



[www.imadapt.org](http://www.imadapt.org)



Topic Editors: Maria Fernandez, Byron Powell, & Gill ten Hoor  
Implementation Mapping: Using Intervention Mapping to Develop Implementation Strategies.

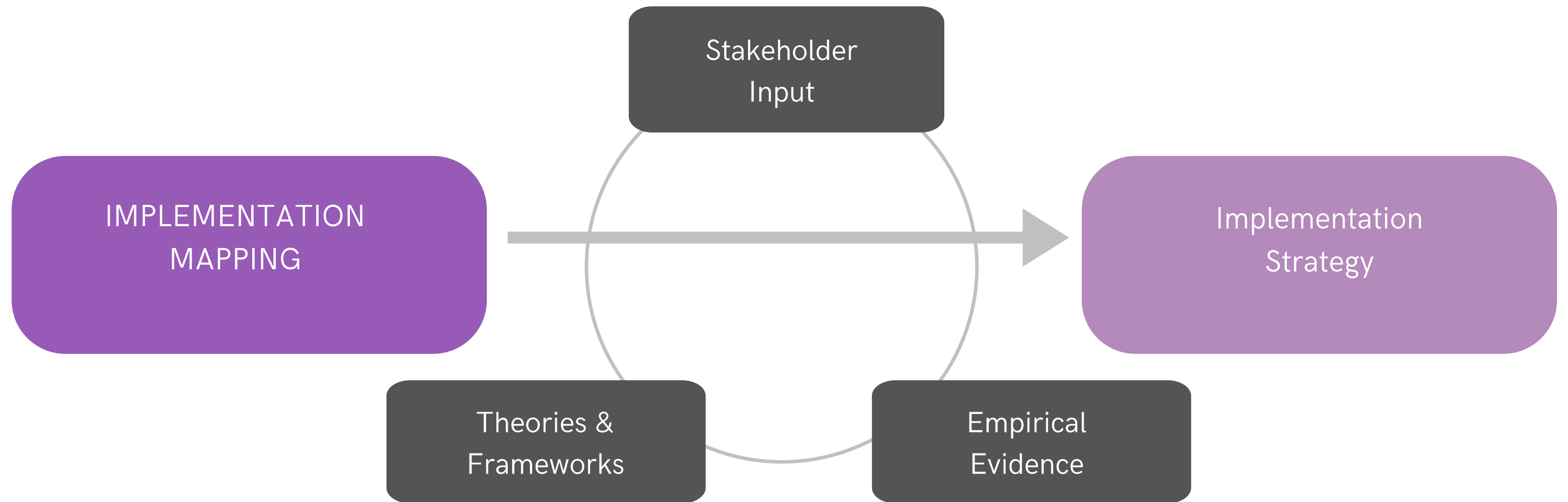


# IMPLEMENTATION MAPPING

The Use of the Intervention Mapping Protocol  
for planning Implementation Strategies  
(Implementation Interventions).



# IMPLEMENTATION MAPPING



# COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



Cancer causes & control : CCC

Author Manuscript

HHS Public Access

Participatory implementation science to increase the impact of evidence-based cancer prevention and control

Shoba Ramanadhan, ScD, MPH, Melinda M. Davis, PhD, [...], and Ross C. Brownson, PhD

Knowledge generation comes from the hands of practitioners/implementers as much as it comes from those usually playing the role of intervention researcher.

# Typical Activities in Our Work with Partners

- Identification of factors influencing implementation and effectiveness outcomes
- Designing, identifying, adapting and implementing interventions
- Designing or selecting and tailoring implementation strategies
- Developing and/or adapting measures of implementation and effectiveness outcomes and determinants
- Conducting implementation research studies within practice settings (from hypothesis generation to evaluation multi-level trials to broad scale up)

# Implementation Science to Address Inequities



Focus on reach from the very beginning



Design and select interventions for vulnerable populations and low-resource communities with implementation in mind



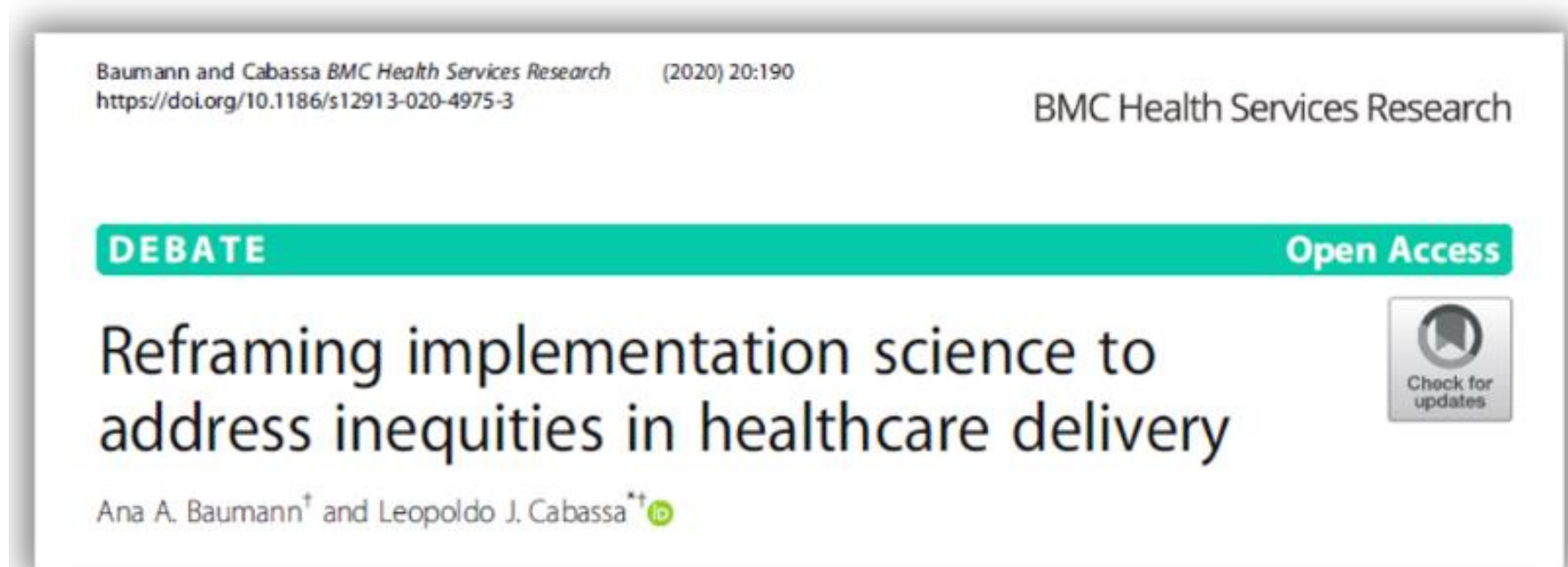
Implement what works and develop implementation strategies that can help reduce inequities in care



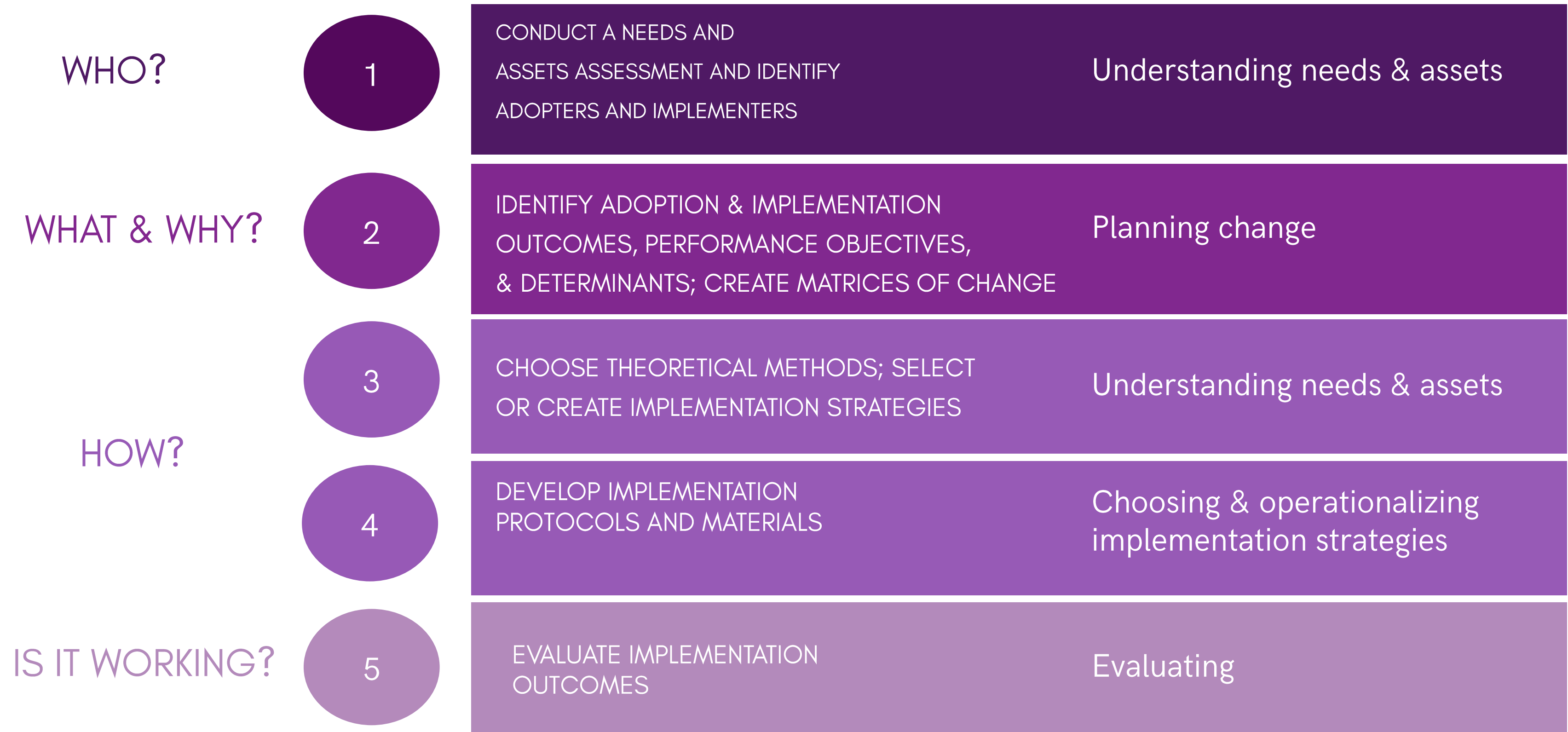
Develop the science of adaptations



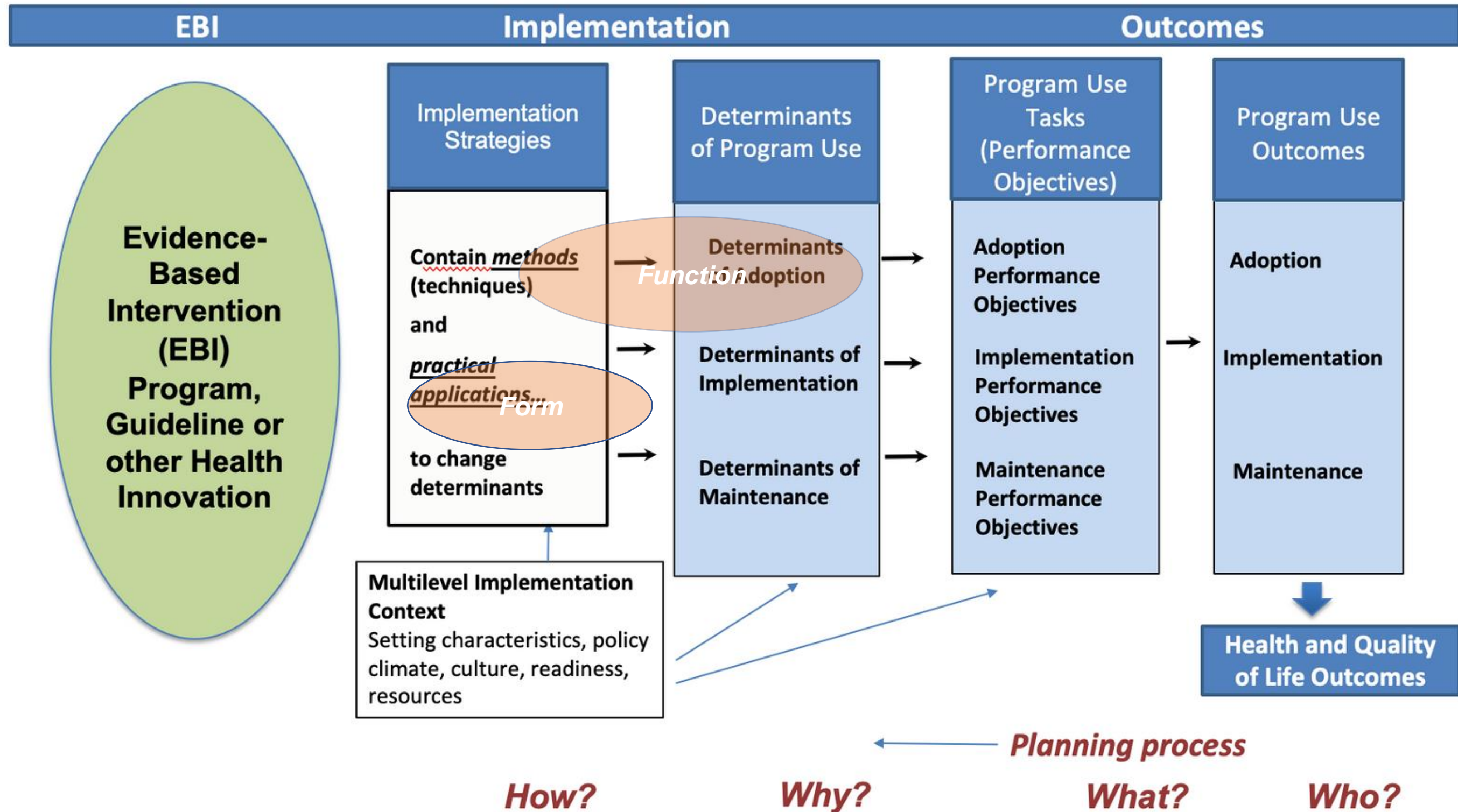
Use an equity lens for implementation outcomes.



# IMPLEMENTATION MAPPING TASKS



# IMPLEMENTATION MAPPING LOGIC MODEL



# Implementation Strategies have change *Methods* and *Practical Applications*

- A *method* is a general process for influencing changes in the determinants of behavior and environmental conditions  
(*element of core functions*)
- A *practical application* is a concrete, real-world technique for the operationalizing methods in ways that fit with the intervention group and the context in which the intervention will be conducted  
=*how you will present and deliver the theoretical method*

(*Forms- activities that operationalize, carry out & achieve the functions*)

Review > [Health Psychol Rev.](#) 2016 Sep;10(3):297-312. doi: 10.1080/17437199.2015.1077155.

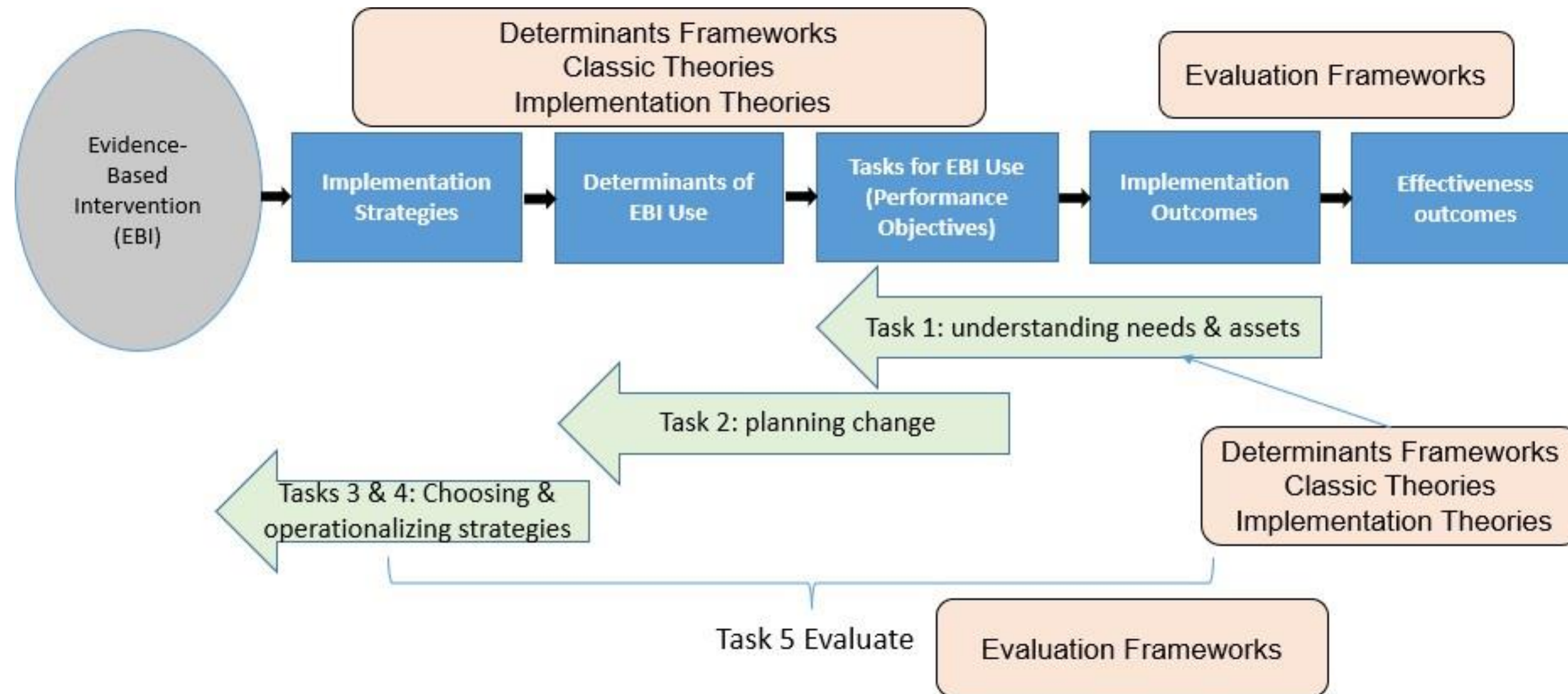
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## **A taxonomy of behaviour change methods: an Intervention Mapping approach**

Gerjo Kok <sup>1</sup>, Nell H Gottlieb <sup>2</sup>, Gjalte-Jorn Y Peters <sup>1 3</sup>, Patricia Dolan Mullen <sup>2</sup>, Guy S Parcel <sup>2</sup>, Robert A C Ruiter <sup>1</sup>, María E Fernández <sup>2</sup>, Christine Markham <sup>2</sup>, L Kay Bartholomew <sup>2</sup>



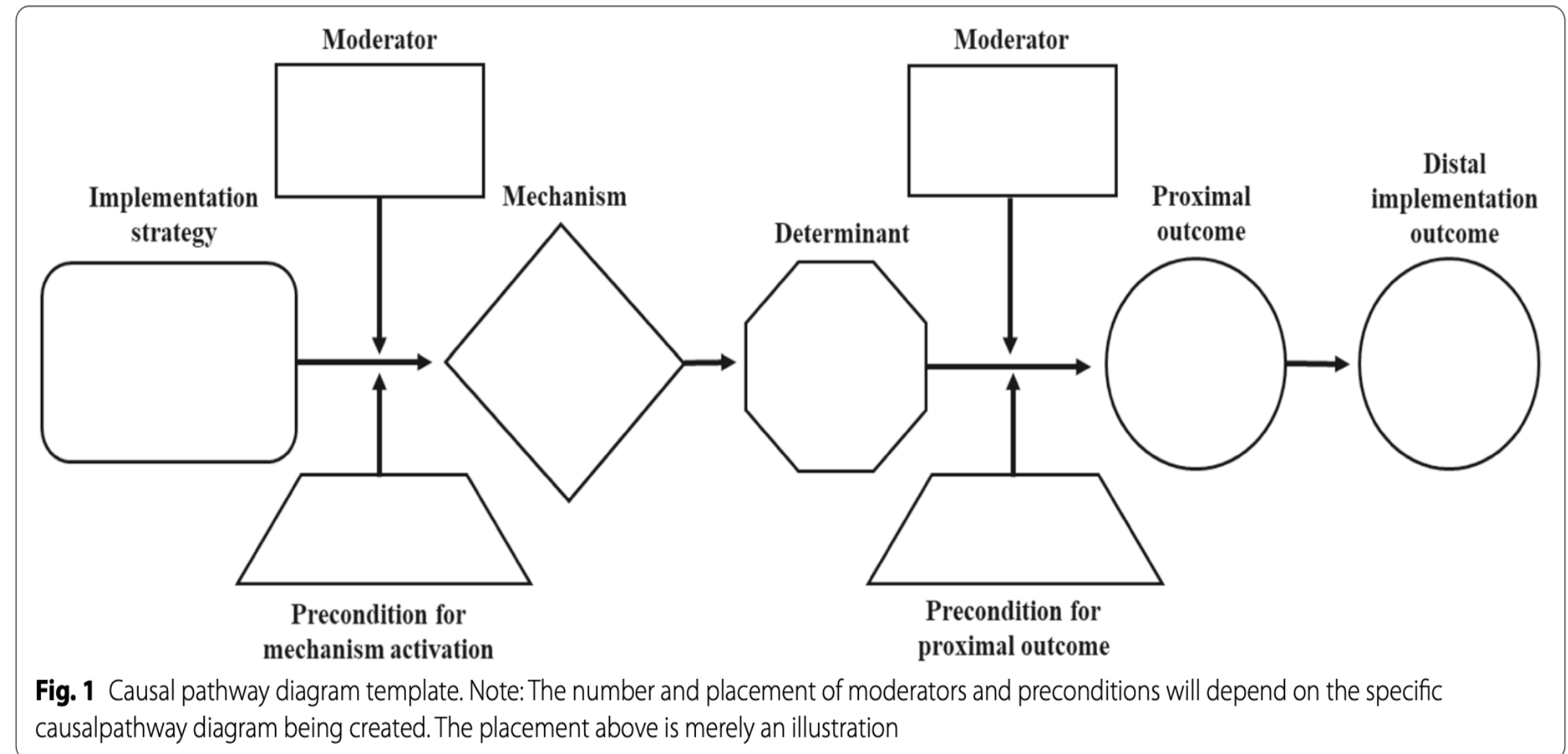
# Applying Theory at Different Steps



# Using Implementation Mapping Logic Models Helps Articulate Mechanisms

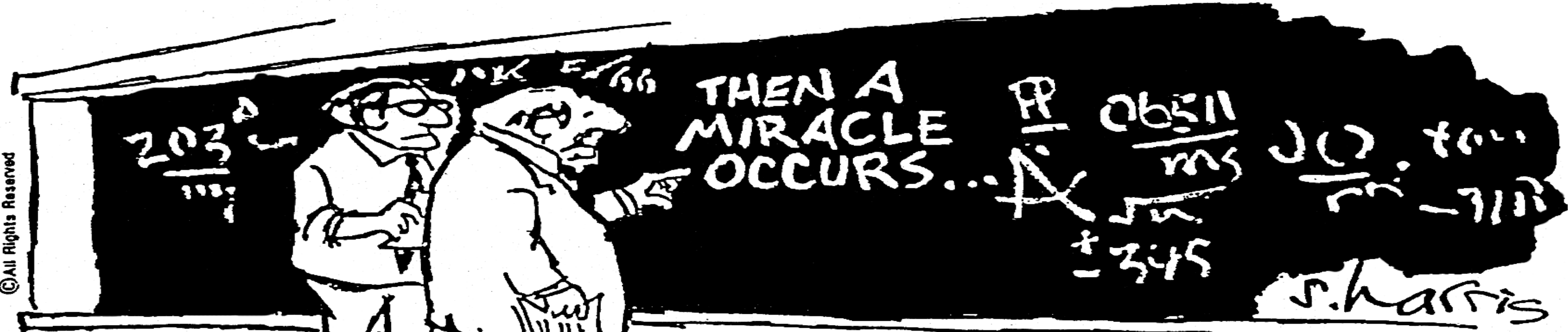
- Mechanisms

- “Process through which an implementation strategy operates...” (Lewis et al., 2018)
- Greater expectation to focus on this in Type 3 studies



*Lewis et al. 2022*

# Demystifying the 'Black Box'



"I THINK YOU SHOULD BE MORE EXPLICIT HERE IN STEP TWO."



## From Classification to Causality: Advancing Understanding of Mechanisms of Change in Implementation Science

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Lewis et al.  
*Implementation Science Communications* (2022) 3:114  
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STUDY PROTOCOL

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## The mechanics of implementation strategies and measures: advancing the study of implementation mechanisms

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# Advancing Science and Practice through the Study of Implementation Mechanisms



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**METHODOLOGY**

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How does facilitation in healthcare work?  
Using mechanism mapping to illuminate  
the black box of a meta-implementation  
strategy

Amy M. Kilbourne<sup>1\*</sup>, Elvin Geng<sup>2</sup>, Ingrid Eshun-Wilson<sup>2</sup>, Shannon Sweeney<sup>3</sup>, Donna Shelley<sup>4</sup>,  
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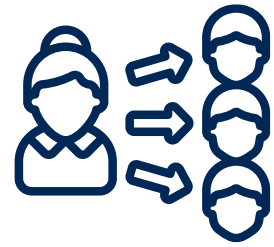
**METHODOLOGY**

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A structured approach to applying  
systems analysis methods for examining  
implementation mechanisms

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Anjuli D. Wagner<sup>11</sup>





## IMPLEMENTATION OUTCOME

The health care provider will refer patients with prediabetes to the NDPP following the referral workflow and eligibility criteria.



## CHANGE OBJECTIVES

PO2: Identifies patients with prediabetes.

### DETERMINANTS

#### Attitudes

PA2. Believes that understanding the inclusion criteria for NDPP participation is key to making an NDPP referral.

#### Outcome Expectations

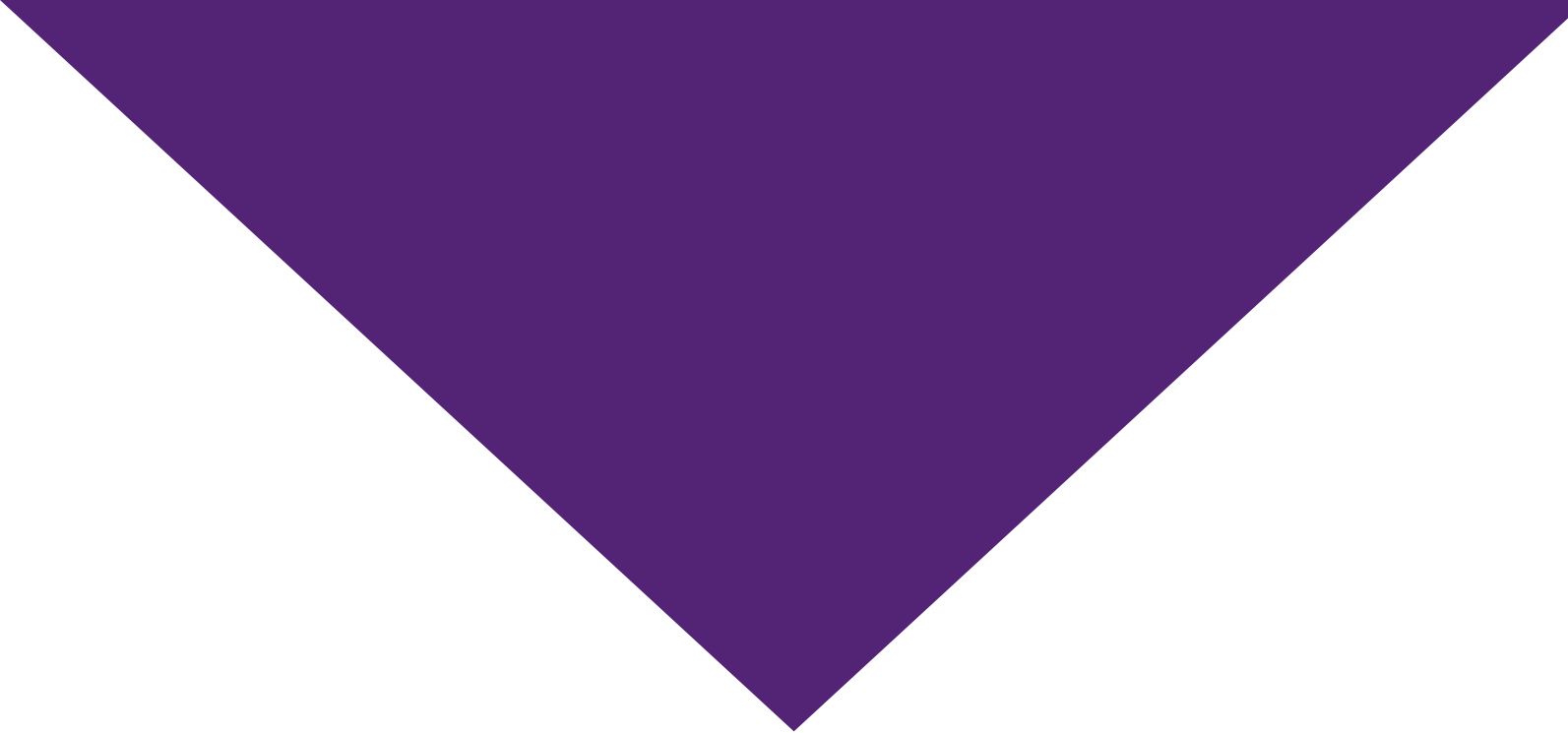
OE2. Expects that the identification process will help refer the patient population at risk of diabetes.

### THEORETICAL CHANGE METHODS

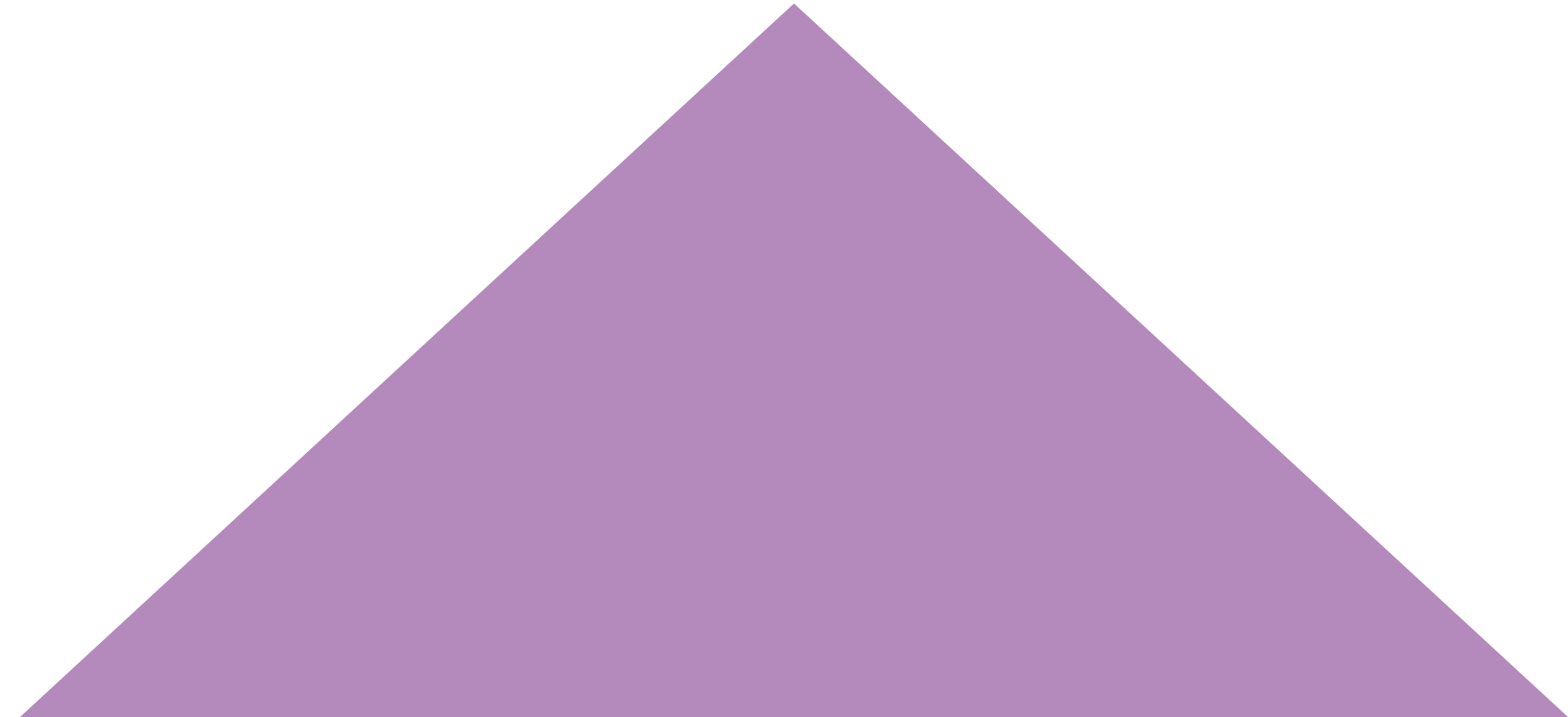
- Modeling
- Social Cognitive Theory
- Framing
- Protection Motivation Theory
- Tailoring
- Communication-Persuasion Matrix
- Discussion
- Elaboration Likelihood Model

### PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- Develop & distribute tailored educational materials. Including, gain-framed messages highlighting the NDPP eligibility criteria, policies & EHR referral pathways.
- Testimonials from health care provider about the impact of the NDPP.
- Monthly meetings between the clinic staff, NDPP, & the UTHealth to share knowledge.
- Presentations & discussions to describe how to conduct referrals, including the use of decision support tools & benefits on patient outcomes.
- Provider-to-provider mentoring
- Meetings on the progress of the providers' goals & referrals



Examples

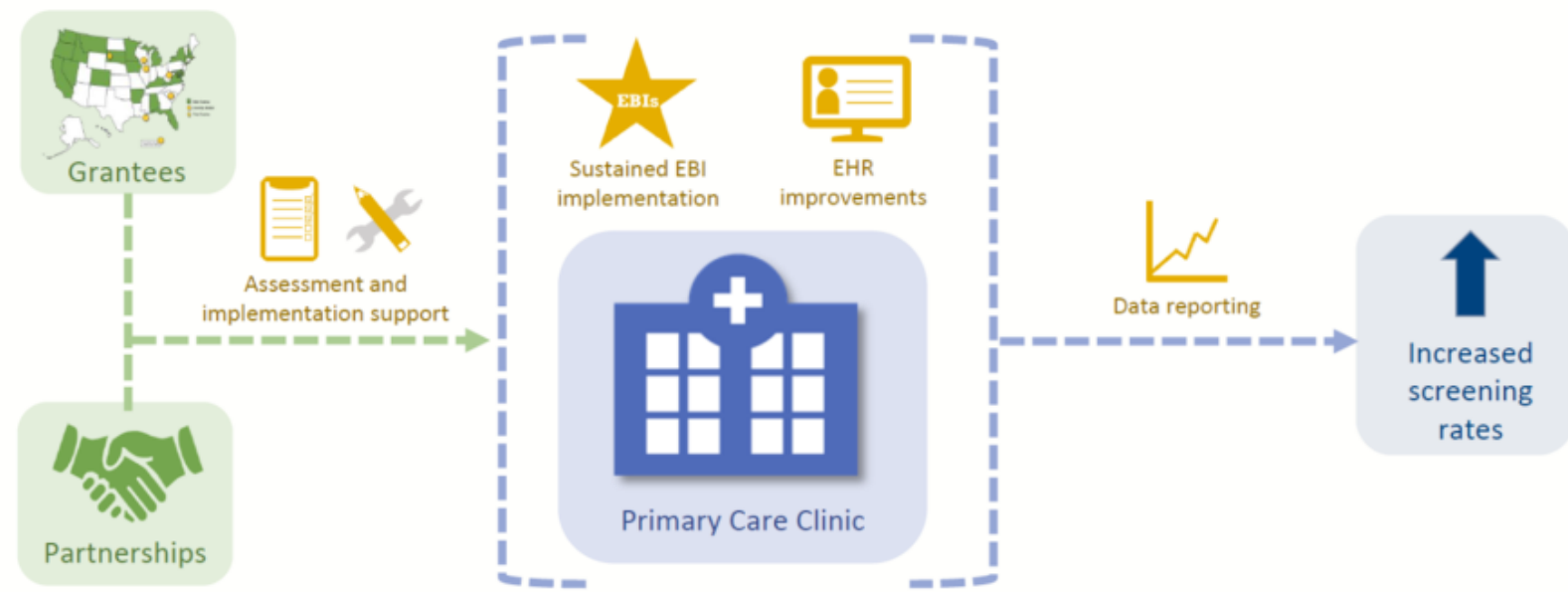


# COLORECTAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM (CRCCP)

## Project Goal

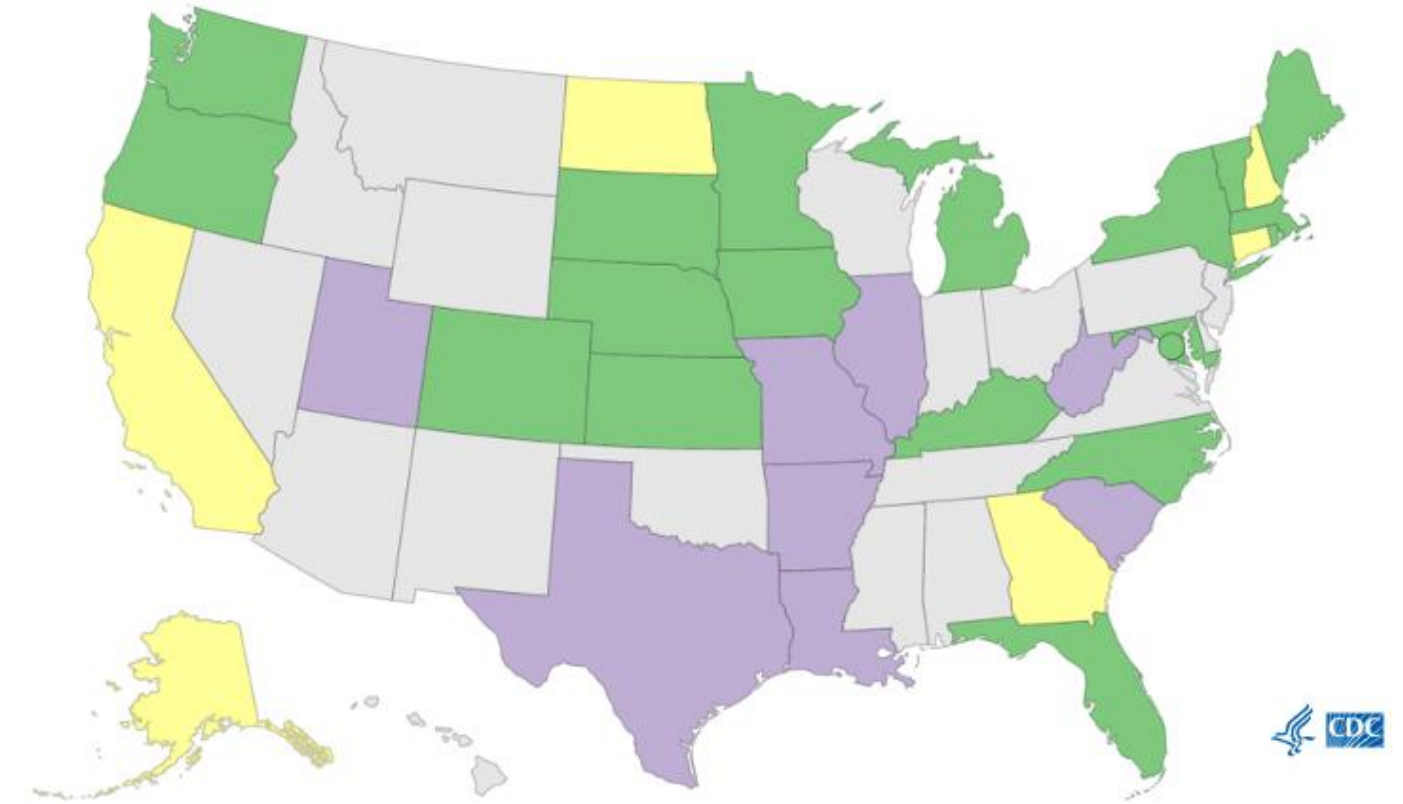
Improve effective use of EBIs recommended by the Guide to Community Preventive Services to overcome system-, provider-, and patient-level barriers to CRCs

The CRCCP aims to increase CRC screening in clinics through sustainable health system change.



## The CRCCP Award Recipients

CDC's Colorectal Cancer Control Program includes 35 award recipients: 20 states, 8 universities, 2 tribal organizations, and 5 other organizations.





# FQHCs

Federally Qualified Health Centers provide health services to patients below the poverty level.

These factors can have a negative impact on providing optimal patient care and patient outcomes.



## SERVICE PATIENTS

Comorbidities  
Low health literacy



## UNDERSTAFFED

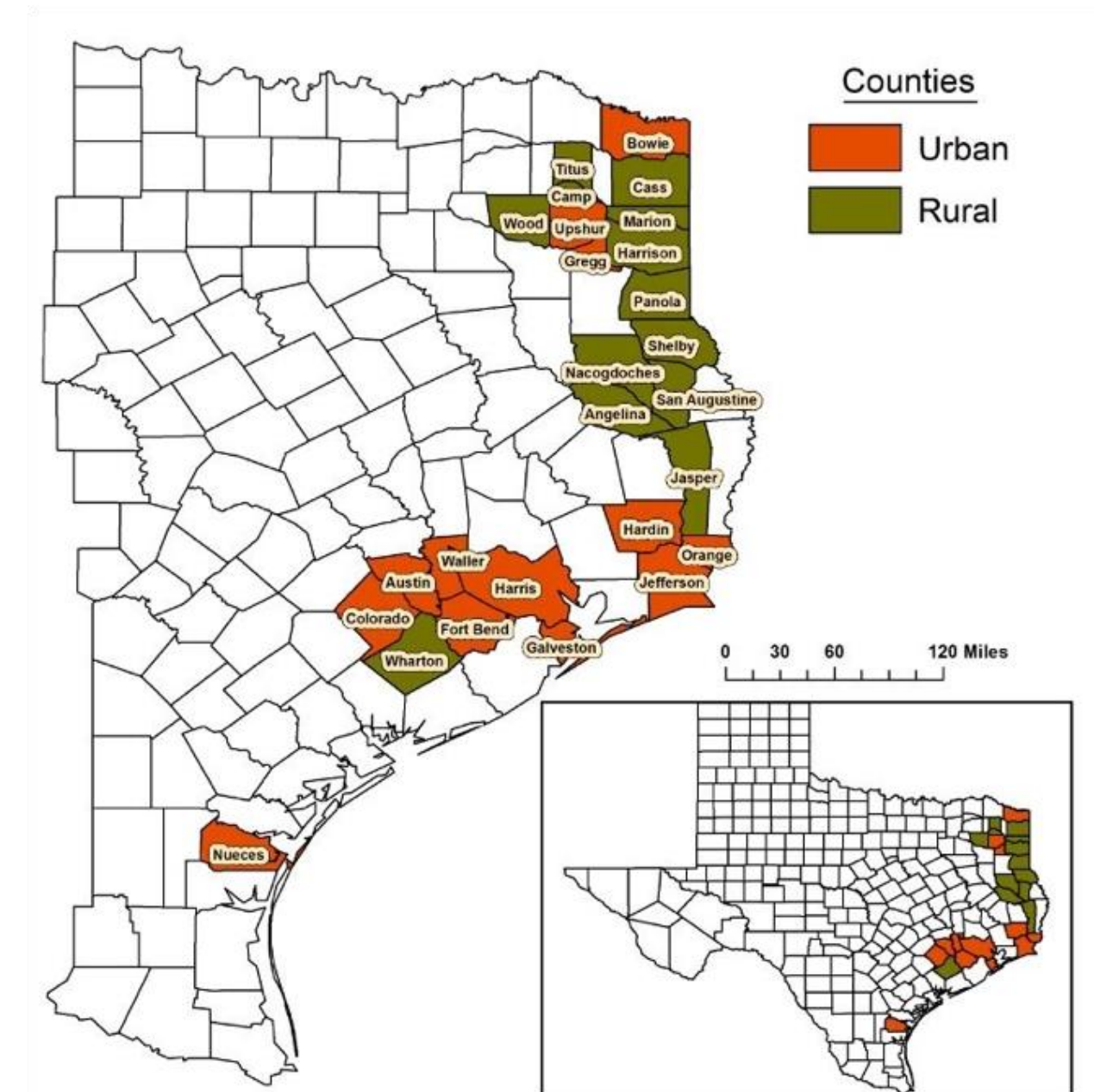
High staff turnover



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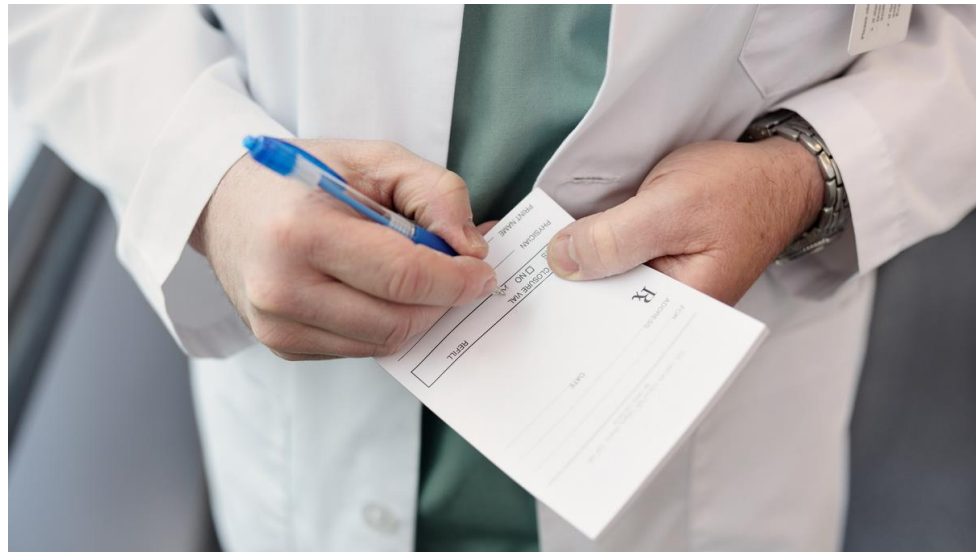
# COLORECTAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM (CRC CP)

Texas FQHC Partners	Counties Served <b>Urban/Rural</b>	# of Clinic Sites	CRCS Rate (%)	CPRIT CRCS Program	1115 Waiver CRCS Program
<b>TEXAS GULF COAST REGION</b>					
Gulf Coast Health Center	Jefferson, Orange, Hardin/Jasper	5	4.8	X	
Coastal Health & Wellness	Galveston	2	15.4	X	
Amistad Community Health Center	Nueces	1	18.8	X	
Access Health	Austin, Colorado, Fort Bend, Waller/Wharton	5	31.8		X
Avenue 360	Harris	6	34.4		X
<b>EAST TEXAS REGION</b>					
Hope Community Medicine	Panola, Shelby, San Augustine	3	6.0	X	
Genesis PrimeCare	Bowie, Gregg/Cass, Harrison, Marion	3	25.6	X	
Wellness Pointe	Gregg, Upshur/Camp, Titus, Wood	5	27.8	X	
East Texas Community Health Services	Angelina, Nacogdoches	3	53.0	X	
Carevide	Collin, Hunt, Fannin, Delta, Kaufman, Hopkins	6	29.0	X	
<b>Total: 10 FQHCs</b>	<b>Urban: 16 Rural: 16 Total: 32</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>24.7</b>		





# Evidence-Based Interventions (EBIs) for Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screenings



## Primary EBIs

- Patient (or client) reminders
- Provider reminders
- Provider assessment & feedback strategies
- Reducing structural barriers

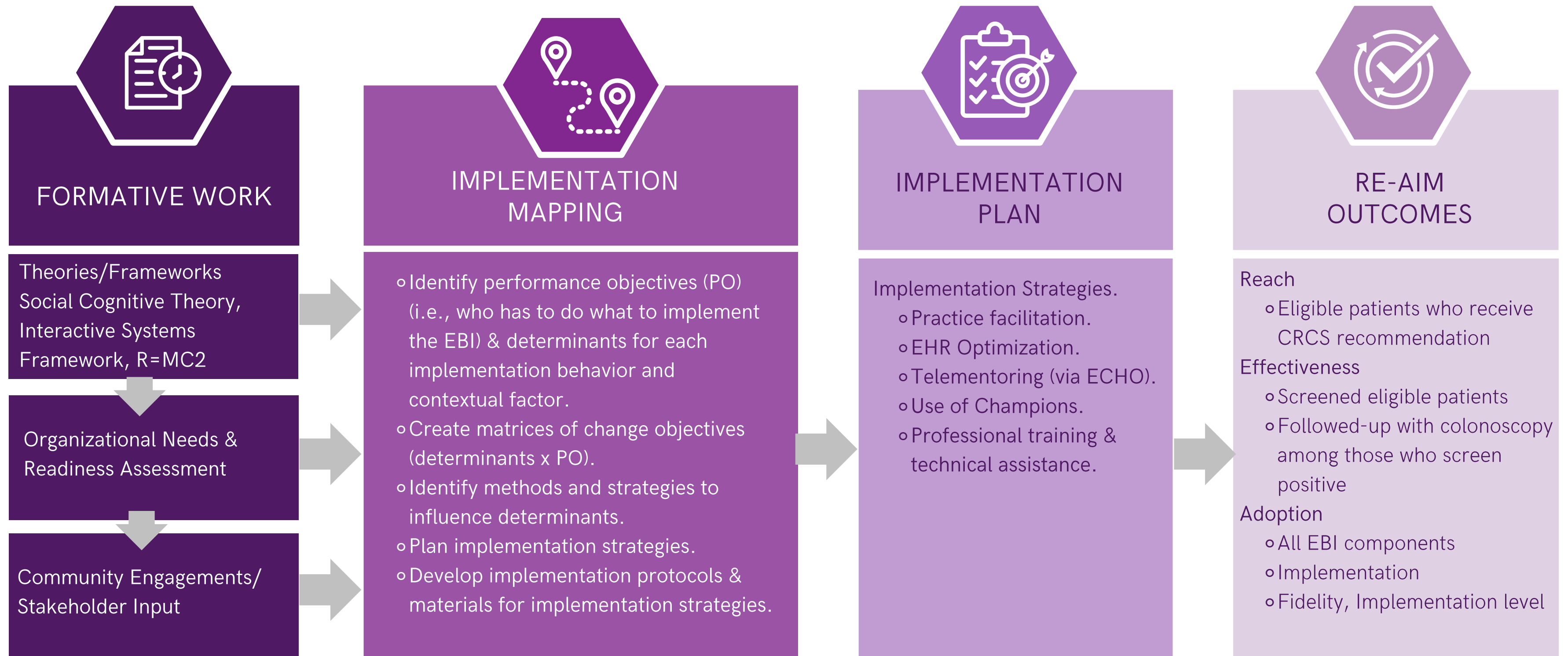


## Supportive EBIs

- Small media
- Patient navigators
- One-on-one education

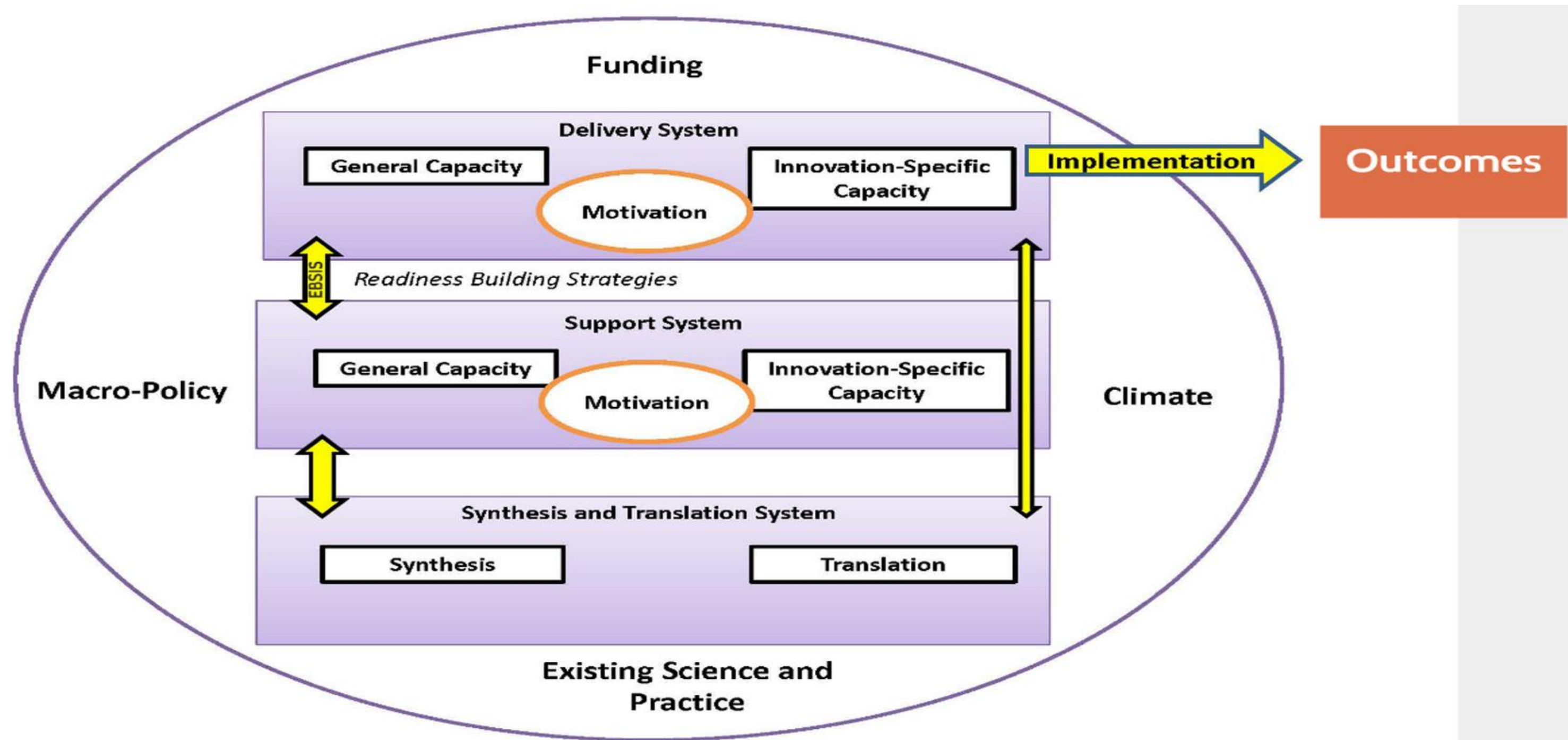


# CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY DESIGN AND TAILORING

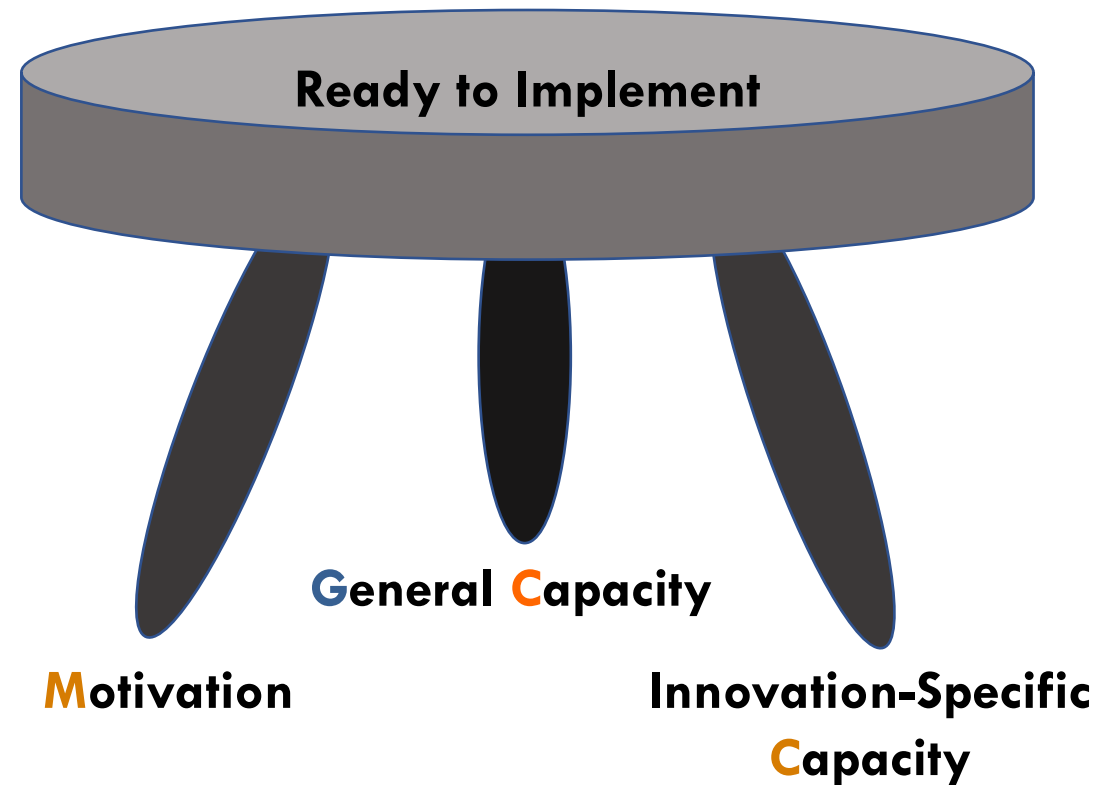


# INTERACTIVE SYSTEM FRAMEWORK

Presentations are communication tools that can be used as lectures, speeches, reports, and more. It all depends on the purpose of your presentation.



$$R=MC^2$$



Readiness

=

Motivation

x

Capacity (Innovation-Specific)

x

Capacity (General)



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- **Motivation:** Degree to which we want the innovation to happen, given all priorities
- **Innovation-specific capacity:** The human, technical and fiscal conditions important to the successful implementation of a particular innovation.
- **General capacity:** Pertains to aspects of organizational functioning (e.g., culture, climate, staff capacity, leadership)

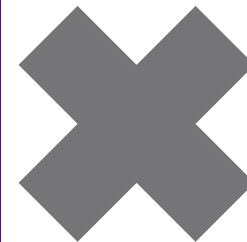
(Scaccia, Cook, Lamont, Wandersman, Castellow, Katz, & Beidas, 2015)

# R=MC<sup>2</sup>

Measure readiness subcomponents

## MOTIVATION

- Compatibility
- Priority
- Simplicity
- Relative Advantage
- Trialability
- Observability



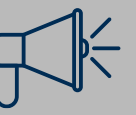
## INNOVATION-SPECIFIC CAPACITY

- Knowledge, Skills, Abilities
- Implementation Climate
- Program Champion
- Inter-Organizational Relationships
- Intra-Organizational Relationships



## GENERAL CAPACITY

- Leadership
- Organizational
  - Culture
  - Climate
  - Innovativeness
  - Structure
- Staff Capacities
- Learning Climate
- Resource Utilization



# NCI R01 Development and Validation of a Measure of Organizational Readiness



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# TEXAS CRCCP READINESS ASSESSMENT

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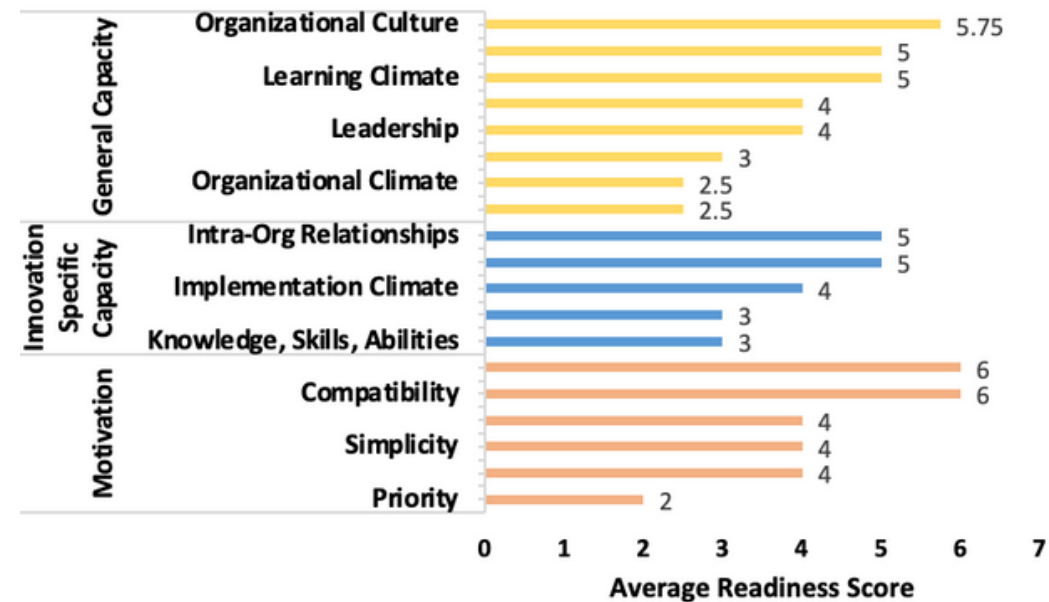
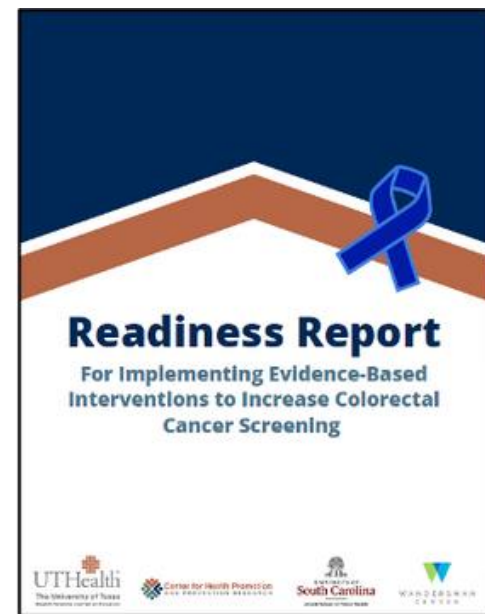
- MOTIVATION
- CAPACITY (GENERAL)
- CAPACITY (INNOVATION-SPECIFIC)

Multi-method approach: in-depth interviews, clinic-level surveys, and direct workflow observations.



Using Implementation Mapping to Build Organizational Readiness

# READINESS REPORTS



Clinic	Organizational Culture	Leadership	Organizational Innovative ness	Organizational Climate	Staff Capacities	Organizational Structure	Learning Climate	Resource Utilization	Mean General Capacity Score
5	6.7	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6
7	6.5	6.2	6.4	6.2	6	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.3
6	6.4	6.4	6.2	6.2	5.8	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
2	6.3	6	6.3	6	6	6.3	5.8	5.3	6.0
1	5.6	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5	5.2
4	5.2	4.9	4.7	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.9
3	4.6	4.8	4.3	4.6	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.1	4.4

## READINESS REPORT CAN BE USED TO HELP CLINICS:

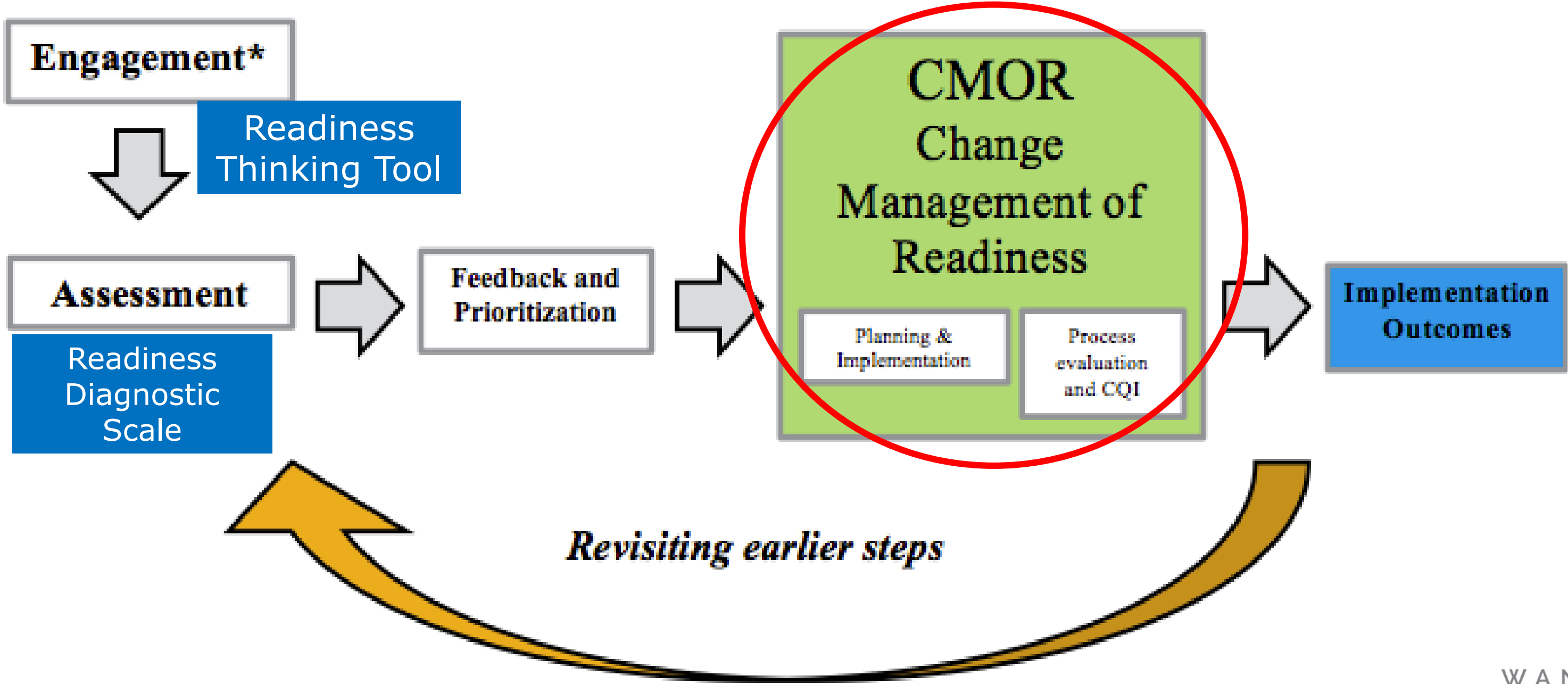
Understand strengths & areas for improvement

Determine which aspects of readiness to focus efforts on & why

Develop a plan for building and/or maintaining readiness

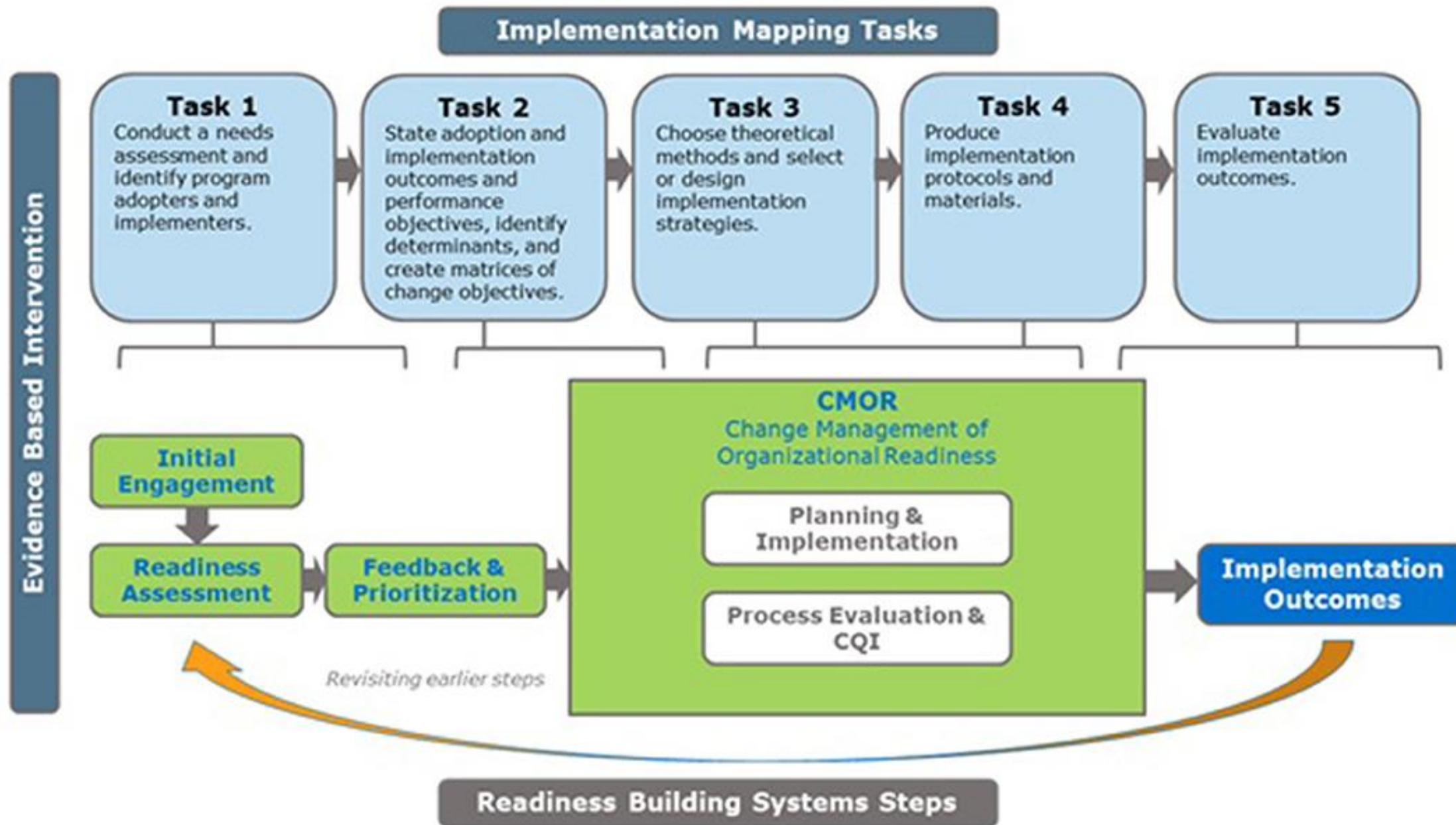
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# Readiness Building System



\*Engagement is crucial in all areas of RBS

# Building Organizational Readiness



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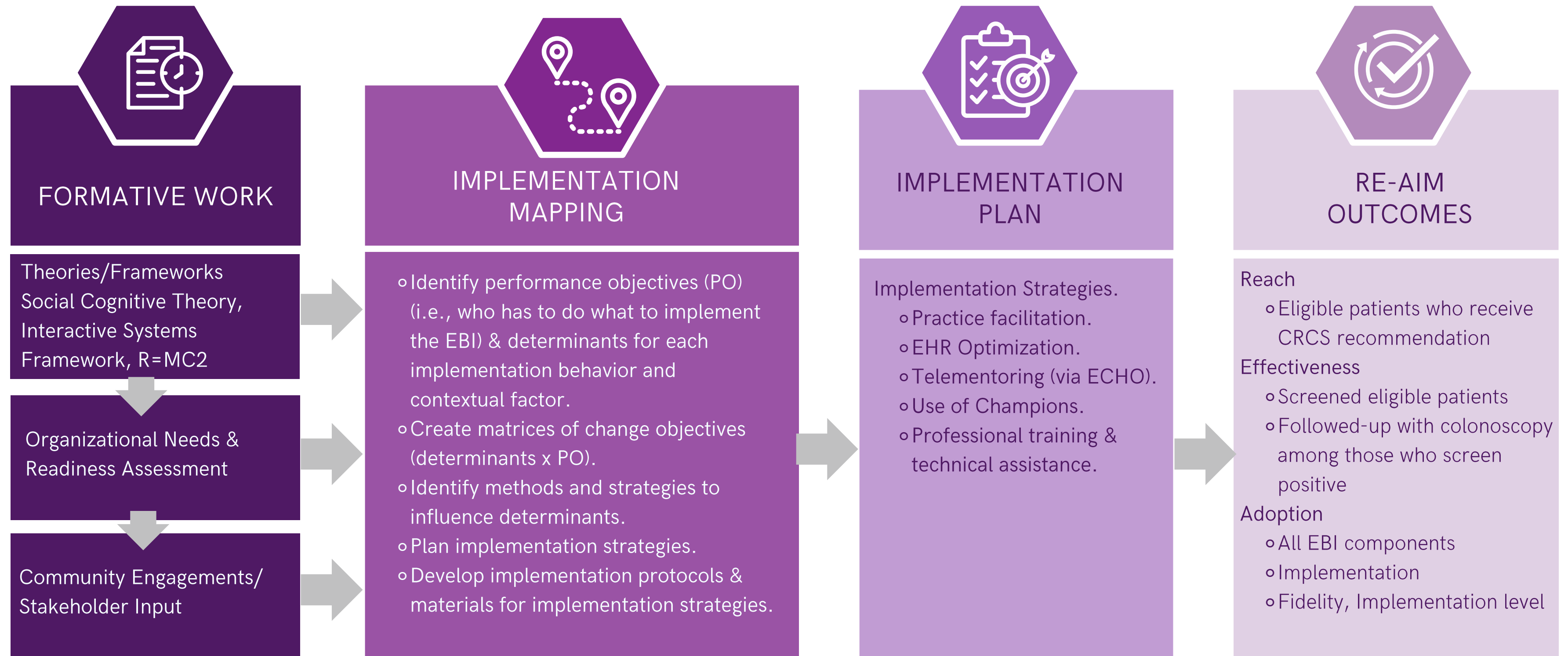
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# CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT AND TAILORING



# IDENTIFY PROGRAM ADOPTERS & IMPLEMENTERS

Different people implemented different or multiple components.



## ADOPTERS

WHO WILL DECIDE TO  
ADOPT THIS  
INTERVENTION?

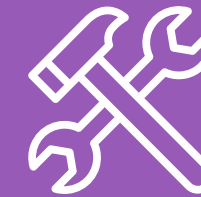
- Decision-making authority to start using the program.
- Directly involved in deciding to set up program components.



## IMPLEMENTERS

WHO WILL IMPLEMENT  
THE INTERVENTION?

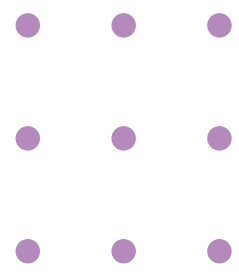
- Educate staff and patients.
- Communicate with technical support personnel to ensure EHR changes.
- Strong recommendation for HPV vac.
- Providing feedback about performance to clinic staff.



## MAINTAINERS

WHO WILL ASSURE THE  
INTERVENTION  
CONTINUES OVER TIME?

- Ongoing staff education
- Quality measures
- Incorporate into performance reviews.



# Key questions...

BEFORE...

Generating ideas about HOW

## OUTCOMES

Specific goals to each adopter, implementer, and maintainer to adopt, implement, and maintain the intervention.

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES (PO)

Who needs to do what to adopt, implement, and maintain the intervention?

## DETERMINANTS

Why would clinic leadership adopt, implement or maintain the intervention at the clinic?

## MATRICES OF CHANGE

Blueprint for identifying, selecting, or developing implementation strategies.

What needs to change in implementation determinants to achieve implementation tasks?

# IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Examples of implementation strategies



PRACTICE FACILITATION



PROJECT ECHO



PROGRAM CHAMPION



PROVIDER AND STAFF TRAINING

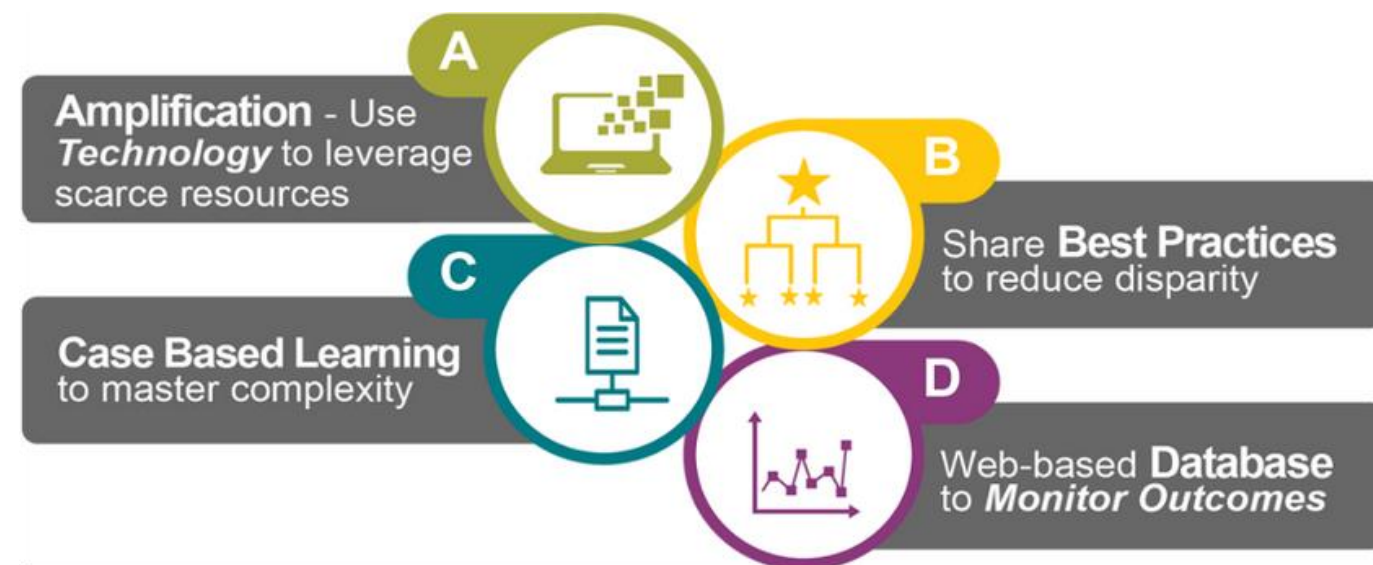


LINKING WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS



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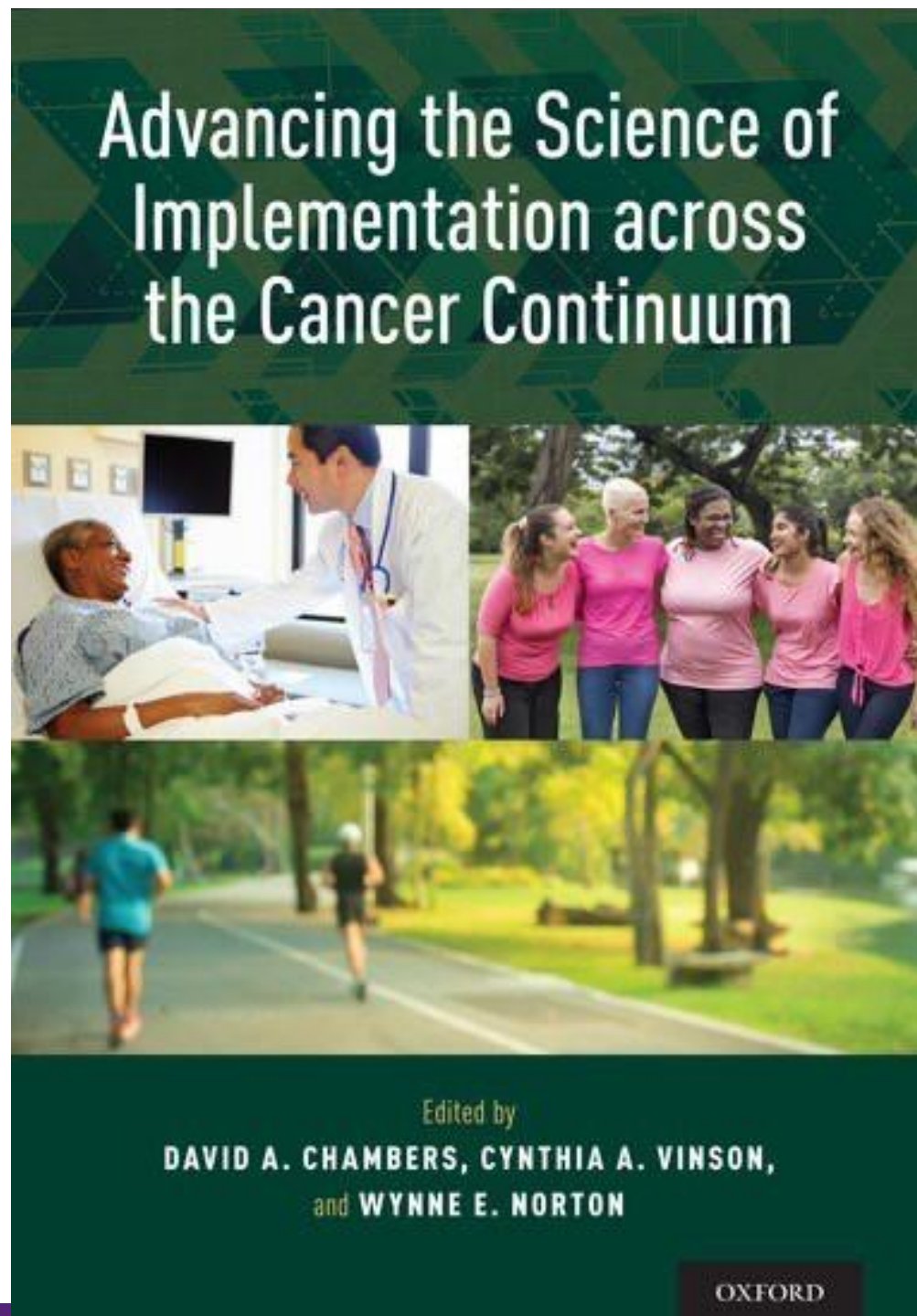
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# SUMMARY

## IMPLEMENTATION MAPPING ADVANCES THE FIELD OF IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE BY:

- Providing a systematic process for designing new strategies using theory, evidence, and community and stakeholder engagement
- Ensuring that strategies developed or selected address barriers to adoption, implementation, and sustainment of EBIs
- Building an actionable and pragmatic knowledge base about what strategies work for what, including clarity on the mechanisms of action
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