Staying on Track - Using Data to Monitor and Change Course During Implementation within a System of Care
The Texas Center

The Texas Center, established in 2017, is a center of excellence that supports state and local child- and family-serving systems and organizations with the design, implementation, and sustainability of high quality, effective behavioral health services and supports for children, youth, young adults, and their families. In partnership with the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) 1915c waiver, The Texas Center’s primary effort is to provide continuous quality improvement, policy, financing, research and evaluation, and workforce development expertise to support installation of Wraparound across Texas.

In addition, The Texas Center leverages national, state, and local expertise to support innovations in children’s behavioral health service delivery systems, inclusive of collaborations within child welfare, juvenile justice, education, Medicaid, and managed care organizations. As a center of excellence, The Texas Center provides:

- Implementation support for evidence-based and promising practices;
- Research, evaluation, and data linking expertise;
- Concrete strategies to engage partners and enhance collaboration;
- Strategic planning and policy and financing expertise; and,
- Workforce development strategies to support successful and sustainable implementation and maintenance of effective home- and community-based services and supports.

About The Institute for Innovation & Implementation, University of Maryland School of Social Work

Founded in 2005, The Institute for Innovation & Implementation at the University of Maryland School of Social Work (The Institute), serves as a national training, technical assistance, evaluation, policy, systems design, and finance center. The Institute supports state and local governments and organizations to implement effective systems and practices to best meet the needs of children, youth, and young adults and their families. Faculty and staff of The Institute have nationally recognized expertise in the fields of children’s behavioral health, systems of care, clinical practice, care management, finance, policy, juvenile justice, child welfare, early childhood, youth homelessness, LGBTQ youth, youth engagement, family-centered practice, and more.

The Institute is home to the Maryland and the Texas Centers. Both are centers of excellence supporting child- and family-serving agencies. The Institute leads the Technical Assistance Network for Children’s Behavioral Health (TA Network) as the coordinating entity and centralized contact for the SAMHSA-funded National Training and Technical Assistance Center for Child, Youth, and Family Mental Health (NTTAC) and the ACF-funded National Quality Improvement Center on Tailored Services, Placement Stability and Permanency for LGBTQ Children and Youths in Foster Care. The Institute is a founding partner of the National Wraparound Implementation Center (NWIC).

The Institute is committed to building research-based, innovative, sustainable, and transformative child- and family-serving systems, services, and workforce capacity in partnership with government agencies; provider, community, and family- and youth-run organizations; and, other leaders and stakeholders to integrate systems and improve outcomes for and with children, youth, and families.

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Getting on Track...

Your organization has adopted an intervention/practice/program. How do you know if you are on the right track?

1. The Ecology of Implementation
2. The Value of the Network
3. Connecting the Network and Building Accountable Systems
Wrong turns happen...

How do we know when we have gone off course?
Getting back on track...

How do we “recalculate” to get back to the right direction?
What can you do?

1. What is the one thing you can do when you return to your organization from this session?

2. Who in your organization do you need to reach out to make this happen?

3. What is a tangible deadline you can set for achieving this?

4. How will you know you have been successful?
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