The Path to Core Components Approaches

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2016

- Multiple federal efforts underway to find programs with evidence of effectiveness
  - ASPE leading Teen Pregnancy Prevention Evidence Review
  - OPRE leading Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness Project
  - OJJDP Model Programs Guide/CrimeSolutions.gov
  - SAMHSA National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices
  - IES What Works Clearinghouse
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- Evidence-Based Policymaking Commission Act
  - becomes law on March 30, 2016
  - established to develop a strategy for increasing the availability and use of data in order to build evidence about government programs, while protecting privacy and confidentiality.
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• Forum for Youth Investment Event - Moving from Evidence Based Programs to Practices
  • Mark Lipsey and the 7%
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- What do we know about what is working across programs?
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2018

• Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs hosts convening to introduce the concept to partner agencies

• ASPE funds Abt Associates to identify and test core components of youth prevention programs

• IWGYP forms Core Components Subgroup
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<td>1. Identifying: “We think these are core components ...”</td>
<td>Developing theories about which identified components of programs might be instrumental in helping targeted populations achieve desired outcomes.</td>
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<td>2. Testing: “Do the data say these are the core components?”</td>
<td>Winnowing the identified components based on which ones empirically predict the targeted population’s improvement in desired outcomes across multiple contexts and subpopulations.</td>
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<td>3. Empowering: “Can we create supports to help people use these?”</td>
<td>Creating guides, tools, assessments, protocols, techniques, and processes that facilitate the translation and dissemination of core components for use by practitioners.</td>
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<td>4. Validating: “Did the supports work?”</td>
<td>Testing the tools and methods to see if they increased the use of the core components and if this led to better participant outcomes.</td>
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<td>5. Scaling: “Can we implement these supports on a broader scale?”</td>
<td>Implementing a strategy to scale up the use of the tools and methods that were proven to increase practitioners’ use of the core components.</td>
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- Many issue areas need to start at steps one and two
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• There is no one way to do core components
Thank you!

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