

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

1. Identifying: “We think these are core components ...”

Developing theories about which identified components of programs might be instrumental in helping targeted populations achieved desires outcomes

2. Testing: “Do the data say these are the core components?”

Winnowing the identified components based on which ones empirically predict the targeted population's improvement in desired outcomes across multiple contexts and subpopulations

3. Empowering: “Can we create supports to help people use these?”


Creating guides, tools, assessments, protocols, techniques, and processes that facilitate the translation and dissemination of core components for use by practitioners

4. Validating: “Did the supports work?”

Testing the tools and methods to see if they increased the use of the core components and if this led to better participant outcomes

5. Scaling: “Can we implement these supports on a broader scale?”

Implementing a strategy to scale up the use of the tools and methods that were proven to increase practitioners’ use of the core components



**Five Steps for
Advancing the
Use of Core
Components of
Effective
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 - Many issue areas need to start at steps one and two

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Thank you!

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