



**B15 Selecting and Implementing Evidence-Based Practices for Children, Youth and Parents**

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

**C15 Selecting and Implementing Evidence-Based Practices for Children, Youth and Parents (Repeat Session)**

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

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# Selecting & Implementing Evidence-Based Practices for Children, Youth, and Parents

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# Poll Question

What is your position type?

- A) Direct services
- B) Administrative
- C) Mid-management
- D) Leadership
- E) Other

# Poll Question

How familiar are you with the CEBC?

- A) Very familiar
- B) A little bit
- C) Not at all

# Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Describe how the CEBC and how it evaluates research evidence,
- Effectively identify interventions for their target population using the CEBC website,
- Define the Exploration Phase of implementation and apply concrete steps to adopting a new intervention.

# The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse



# CEBC Mission

To advance the effective implementation of evidence-based practices (EBPs) for children and families involved with the child welfare system

Program  
Registry

Selecting &  
Implementing  
Programs



# Topics Currently on the Website

45+ topics are clustered in the following areas:

- Anger Management, Domestic Violence, and Substance Abuse
- Behavior Management and Parent Training
- Core Child Welfare Services
- Engagement and Parent Partnering Programs
- Mental Health
- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Support Services for Youth in CWS

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- ❖ California DSS - Child and Family Services Division
- ❖ County Child Welfare Departments
- ❖ County Welfare Directors Association of California
- ❖ California Child Welfare Training Organizations
- ❖ Public & Private Community Partners
- ❖ National Child Welfare Consultants

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- ❖ **Shannon Dorsey** – University of Washington

# Question

What's the first thing you think of when you hear the term *evidence-based practices*?

# CEBC's Definition of EBP



- Programs that can be replicated with a manual and/or training
- Must be implemented with *fidelity* to achieve intended results
- Programs have varying levels of supporting research evidence

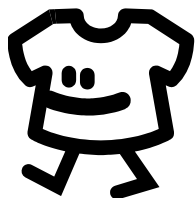


Which EBPs are you familiar with or use at your agency?

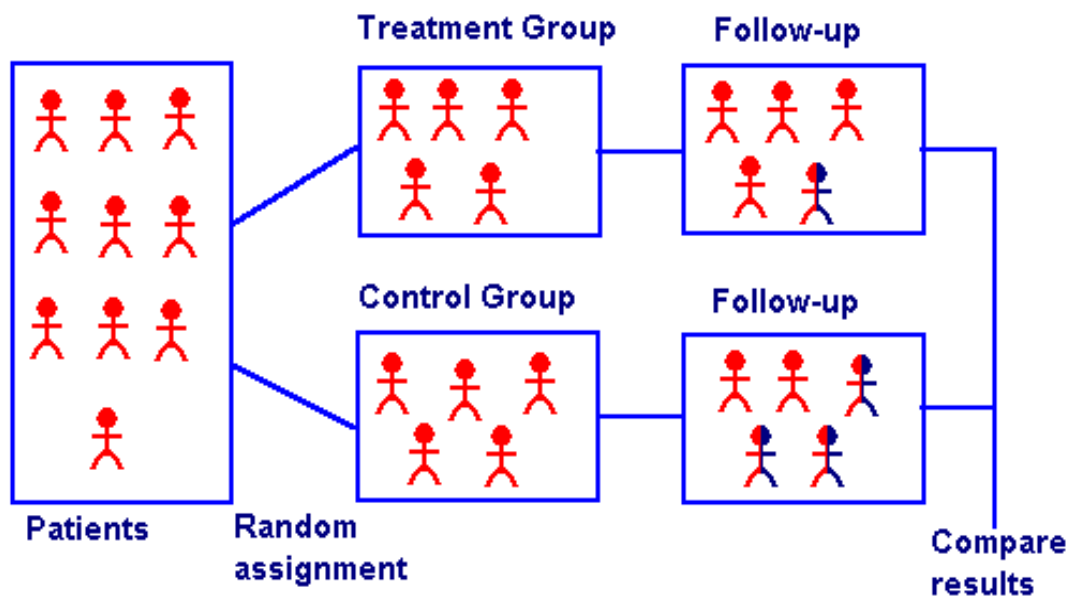


# Important Concepts

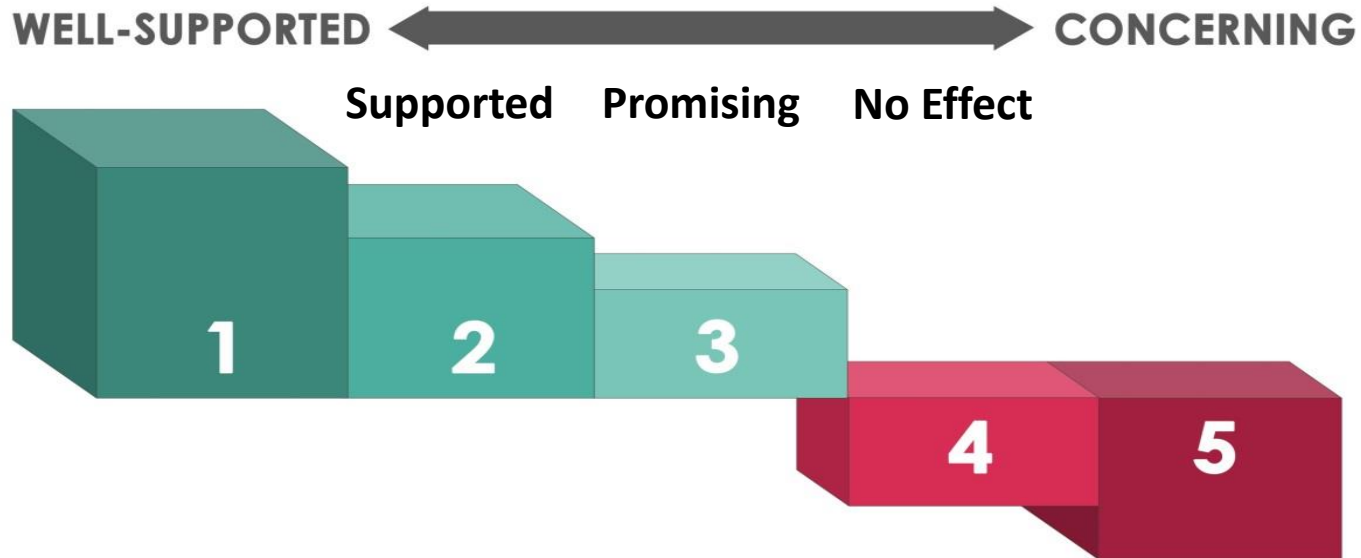
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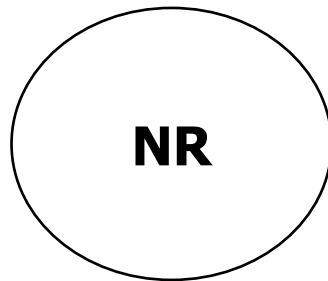
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# The CEBC Scientific Rating Scale



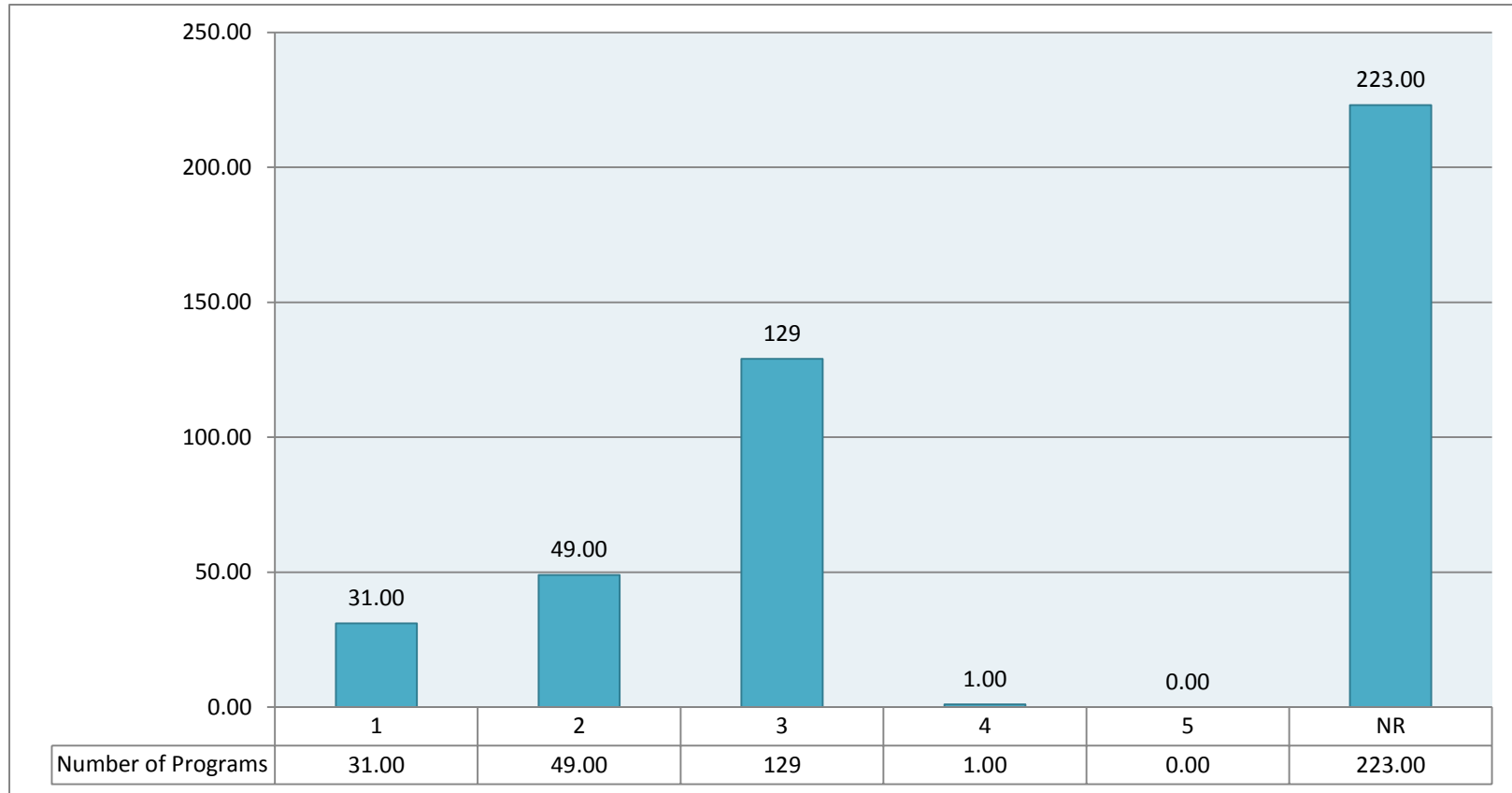
**NOTE:**  
NOT ALL PROGRAMS  
LISTED ON THE CEBC  
HAVE RESEARCH  
STUDIES



Not Able To Be Rated

- Has no research, or
- Research doesn't fit scale criteria

# Number of Programs by Rating



**Total= 433 programs as of March 2018**

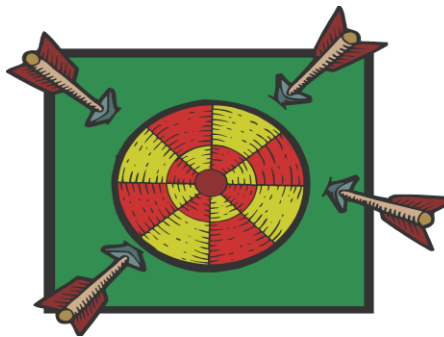
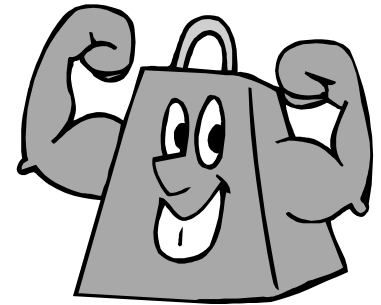
# Important Considerations

- Look at the program's research & reference section
  - Programs rated a 3 may have multiple RCTs but no follow-up
  - Programs rated NR may have research that's non-peer reviewed
- Critically examine the components of the EBP itself
  - 1s or 2s have strong supporting research evidence but may not be a good fit for your organization
  - More on this later....



# Strengths & Limitations

- ❖ Rating scale is **clear cut**
- ❖ Numbering system is **easy to follow**
- ❖ May **miss high quality research and null studies** by relying on published, peer-reviewed research



# CEBC vs. Other Registries

- CEBC requires published, peer reviewed research
- CEBC requires post-intervention follow-up for top levels
- Focus on CWS specific programs

# Selecting & Implementing Evidence-Based Practices



THE CALIFORNIA EVIDENCE-BASED  
CLEARINGHOUSE  
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Information and Resources for Child Welfare Professionals



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## Selecting & Implementing Programs

The goal of the CEBC Selecting & Implementing Programs section is to provide guidance and resources about the implementation of Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs).



Tools & Resources



Guide to Selecting &  
Implementing EBPs



Implementation  
Examples

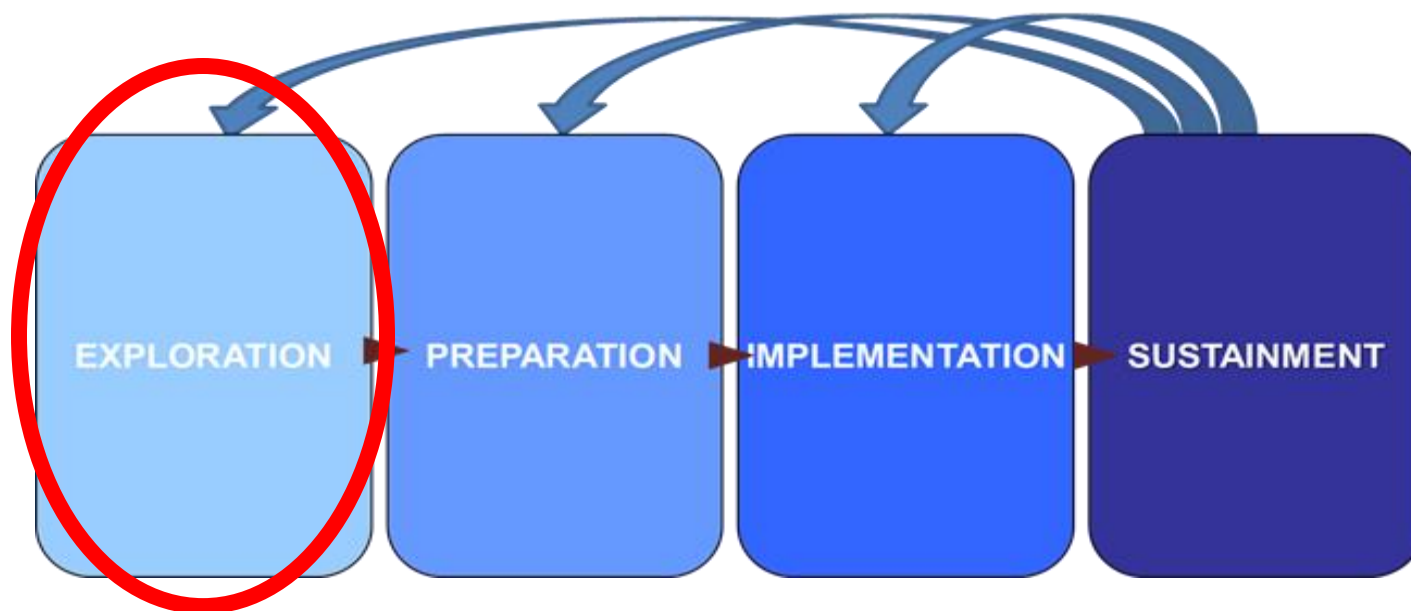
Research on implementation, both in child welfare and in related fields, is still in its early stages. The limited amount of existing implementation research in child welfare focuses on factors (e.g., research-practice partnerships, provider attitudes, technical assistance teams, organizational culture and climate) that facilitate or impede the implementation of EBPs.

Over the coming years, data from completed studies and studies currently under way will help to inform policy makers, agency directors, providers, and consumers about the best ways to facilitate implementation of evidence-based practice in real-world practice settings. Additional resources and information will continuously be added to this section of the CEBC website that will keep the consumer up-to-date on the emerging field of implementation.



What types of problems can agencies encounter when starting up an EBP?

# EPIS Phases of Implementation



More info on the EPIS Framework:

<http://www.cebc4cw.org/implementing-programs/tools/epis/>

# Why Careful Selection Matters

- The success and sustainability of an EBP begins with selecting the right one
- Negative consequences of adopting an inappropriate EBP



# Why Careful Selection Matters

Adopting a new program isn't always the answer:

- 1) Changes to internal processes
- 2) Expand existing effective programs that need more capacity
- 3) Develop an evidence base for an existing program that seems promising



# Key Steps in the Exploration Phase

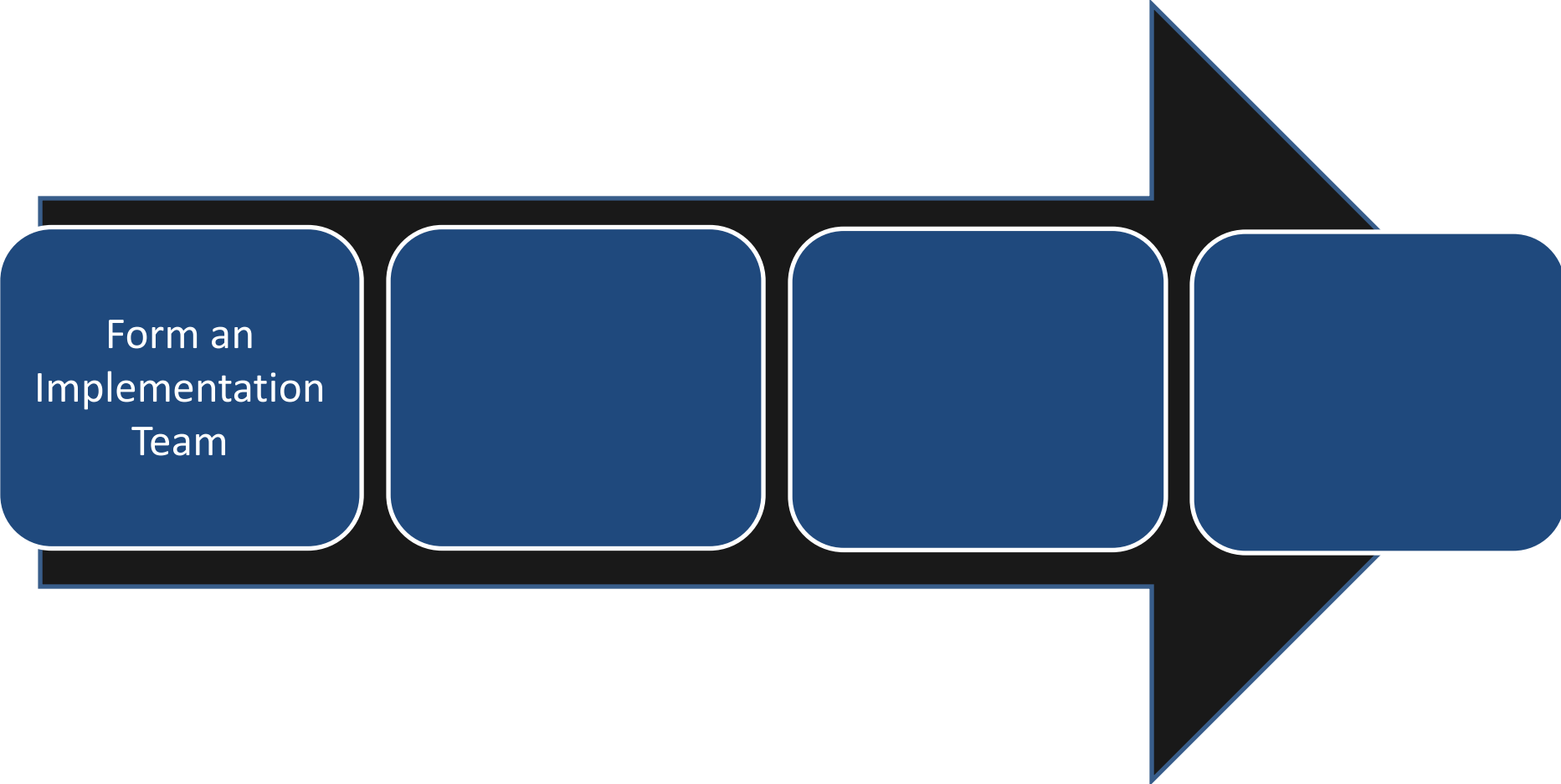
- Form an Implementation Team
- Conduct a needs assessment
- Identify potential solutions
- Determine program fit

# Example from “County A”

- Mid-sized county
- Mix of rural and urban areas
- Placement disruption rates
  - 18.9% FY 2014-2015
  - 18.1% FY 2013-2014
  - 21.5% FY 2012-2013
- All higher than state average and CFSR standard



# The Exploration Phase Tasks



Form an  
Implementation  
Team

# Implementation Teams

- Ensures purposeful, proactive, and effective implementation
- Members include:
  - Senior level administration
  - Managers
  - Content experts
  - Client representation
  - Others deemed appropriate throughout the process
- CEBC Tips for Implementation Teams
  - [www.cebc4cw.org/files/CEBCTipsForImplementationTeams.pdf](http://www.cebc4cw.org/files/CEBCTipsForImplementationTeams.pdf)





# First Task for Team

- Explore the problems/areas to be addressed
- Narrow the focus
  - Where to begin?
  - How much can we cover at once?



# The Exploration Phase Tasks

Form an  
Implementation  
Team

Conduct a Needs  
Assessment

# Conducting a Needs Assessment

Use data to examine the issues:

- Existing organizational data sources
- Collect new data as needed
  - Surveys
  - Focus groups
  - Chart reviews



# Identifying & Clarifying the Problem Areas

- Identify key aspects
  - Target population demographics
    - Other co-occurring problems
    - Treatments already offered
  - Time frames
  - Locations
- Use root cause analysis as needed



# Ask Why 5 Times

Why do the placements disrupt? Parents give 7-day notice stating they can't handle youth's bx



Why? Usually, a precipitating incident - an argument, rule infraction, school suspension



Why? Youth have on-going histories of bx problems and conflict over rules/expectations



Why? Many of these youth have received or are receiving mental health services



Why? Externalizing bx disorder the most common diagnostic group

# Partner Activity

Face back-to-back with your partner

I will read a true/false question out loud

Use your arms to make a “T” for True or “X” for False

Then quickly turn around to show your answer

# True or False

If a program is listed on the CEBC it means that the program is “evidence-based”

# True or False

The EPIS framework stands for  
*Examine, Plan, Initiate, & Support*



# True or False

A solution to a clinical or service problem doesn't always require the addition of a new program

# True or False

A similar agency to your own has been successful using Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT). That means PCIT is guaranteed to work for your agency

# True or False

An Implementation Team is formed during the Exploration Phase of the EPIS Framework

# The Exploration Phase Tasks

Form an  
Implementation  
Team

Conduct a Needs  
Assessment

Identify  
Potential  
Solutions

# Identifying Potential Solutions

If the decision is made to adopt a new program, identify key terms that describe what you are looking for:

**“Child”**

**“Placement  
Disruption”**

**“Externalizing  
Problems”**

**“Adolescent”**

# The Exploration Phase Tasks

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Implementation  
Team

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Determine  
Program Fit

# Determine Program Fit

- Ease of Use
- External Compatibility
- Financial Considerations/  
Relative Advantage
- Internal Compatibility
- Knowledge Requirements
- Match of Skill Set
- Observability of Benefits
- Reinvention/  
Adaptability
- Risk
- Training/Support
- Trialability

Greenhalgh et al., 2004.

Detailed info on each domain:

<http://www.cebc4cw.org/files/CEBCSelectionGuideEBPSChildWelfare-onlinelinked-E7.pdf>

# Working with Program Developers

- Working with Program Developers
  - Questions about research
  - Implementation requirements
  - Someone you can collaborate with?
- Developer contact information available in the CEBC program registry



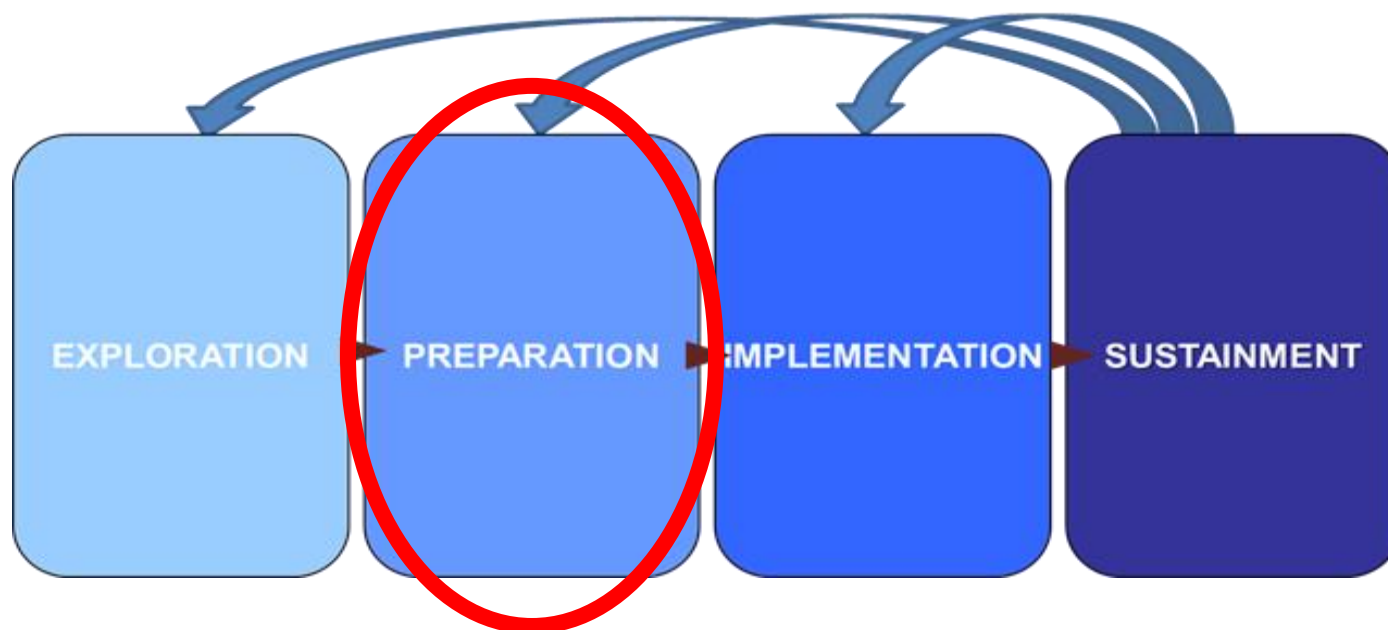


# Create a Written Summary

- Document how the team came to its decision
- Create a plan with next steps
- Secure leadership buy-in
  - Overlap with Preparation Phase



# EPIS Phases of Implementation



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# Key Steps in Preparation Phase

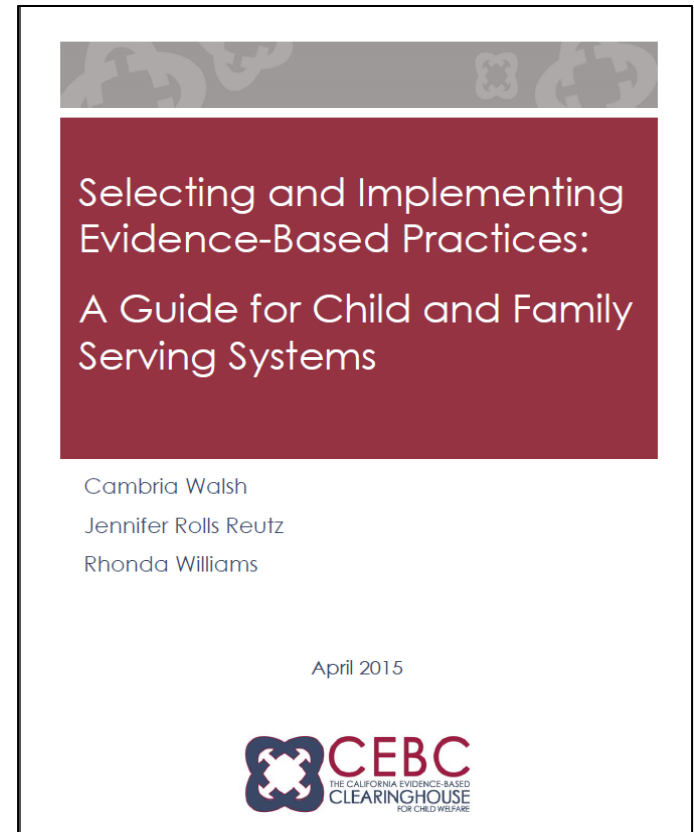
- Ensure leadership buy-in
- Develop an implementation support system
  - Contract out services
- Identify viable funding streams
- Develop timetables

# Contracting Out New Services

- Request for Proposals should:
  - Outline data-driven needs assessment process
  - Detail criteria for what constitutes “evidence-based”
  - Require quality improvement mechanisms
- Sustainability Planning
  - Collaboration among services providers & academic researchers
  - Protections against external system changes

# The CEBC Selection & Implementation Guide

- Detailed information on each implementation phase
- Extensive technical assistance materials
- Relevant real world examples



Download at:

<http://www.cebc4cw.org/implementing-programs/guide/>

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