The Hexagon Tool: Exploring Context

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Kiser, Zabel, Zahlik, & Smith (2007)
Effective implementation capacity is essential to improving education. The state implementation & scaling-up of evidence-based practices is one of the most promising strategies in creating implementation systems. Especially when designing strategies that benefit individuals with disabilities.

Outcomes across the spectrum of human services.

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How does it fit with community values, including the values of diverse cultural groups?
• How does it fit with current state, community, or regional organizational structures?
• How does it fit with the priorities of your state, community, or agency?
• How does it fit with other relevant interventions and outcomes that may enhance or diminish the effectiveness and sustainability of the proposed intervention?

For example, under the area labeled “Fit,” you are reminded to consider:

• The products direct you to relevant dimensions that your team may want to discuss before finalizing the proposals.
• The products are not exhaustive, and you may decide that additional proposals need to be added.

There are a number of discussion prompts listed under each area of the hexagon. These

In Implementation Plan:

- The information will assist you in communicating with stakeholders and in developing
- Implementation Plan.

It is important to understand and sustain and improve implementation over time.

- Capacity to Implement: Are there existing state and federal programs that can support your efforts?
- Readiness for Replication: What are the barriers to adoption?
- Evidence of Outcomes: What is the evidence of outcomes that can be expected if the program or practice is implemented?
- Resource Availability: Are there available resources to support the program or practice?
- Fit: How will the program or practice meet needs?
- Needs of Individuals: What needs are unmet or underaddressed?
- EBP/Evidence-Informed Interventions (ELI) include:

broad factors to consider when doing early stage exploration of evidence-based practices

The Hexagon Tool helps states, communities, and agencies systematically evaluate new and existing interventions and early stage exploration of evidence-based practices.
public voting

Arriving at consensus for instance, private voting or round-robin opinions followed by a rating of the proposed intervention, that the team members decide on a process for each factor summarizing findings, discussing the strengths and challenges related to each factor, individually scoring (resource availability) may be a concern.

Develop an overview or expert training or technical assistance, but that ongoing costs need to be considered. Once the areas for consensus are identified, feedback from various stakeholders is valuable, from a broad range of views, providing a clear direction for practice.

For example, a program that has received high marks from the team members, the decision-making process is designed to ensure that the team members reach a consensus on the factors that would be the best approach to implement. The team members are encouraged to reflect on the decision-making process and to consider the potential impact of their decisions on the overall process.

The scoring process is designed to generate discussion and to help make the decisions. Utilizing a cut-off score, where a score of 1 or 4 is not used, may not have a significant impact.

You can average scores for each area across individuals and arrive at an overall average.

The following are six step recommendations for using the tool:

1. Assign team members to gather information related to the six factors and to present the information to the decision-making group or relevant implementation team.

2. Review the information to identify potential areas for improvement.

3. Develop a plan for implementing the identified improvements.

4. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation plan.

5. Adjust the plan as necessary based on feedback and ongoing evaluation.

6. Celebrate successes and continue to refine the process.