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Adaptation of behavioral interventions and use of the FRAME to document adaptations and modifications



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Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this presentation, you should be able to:

- Discuss factors that should be considered when adapting behavioral interventions
- Describe how the FRAME can be used to document adaptations
- Provide examples of study designs to investigate the impact of adaptations

Definitions and Distinctions

Fidelity: the skilled/appropriate delivery of core intervention components

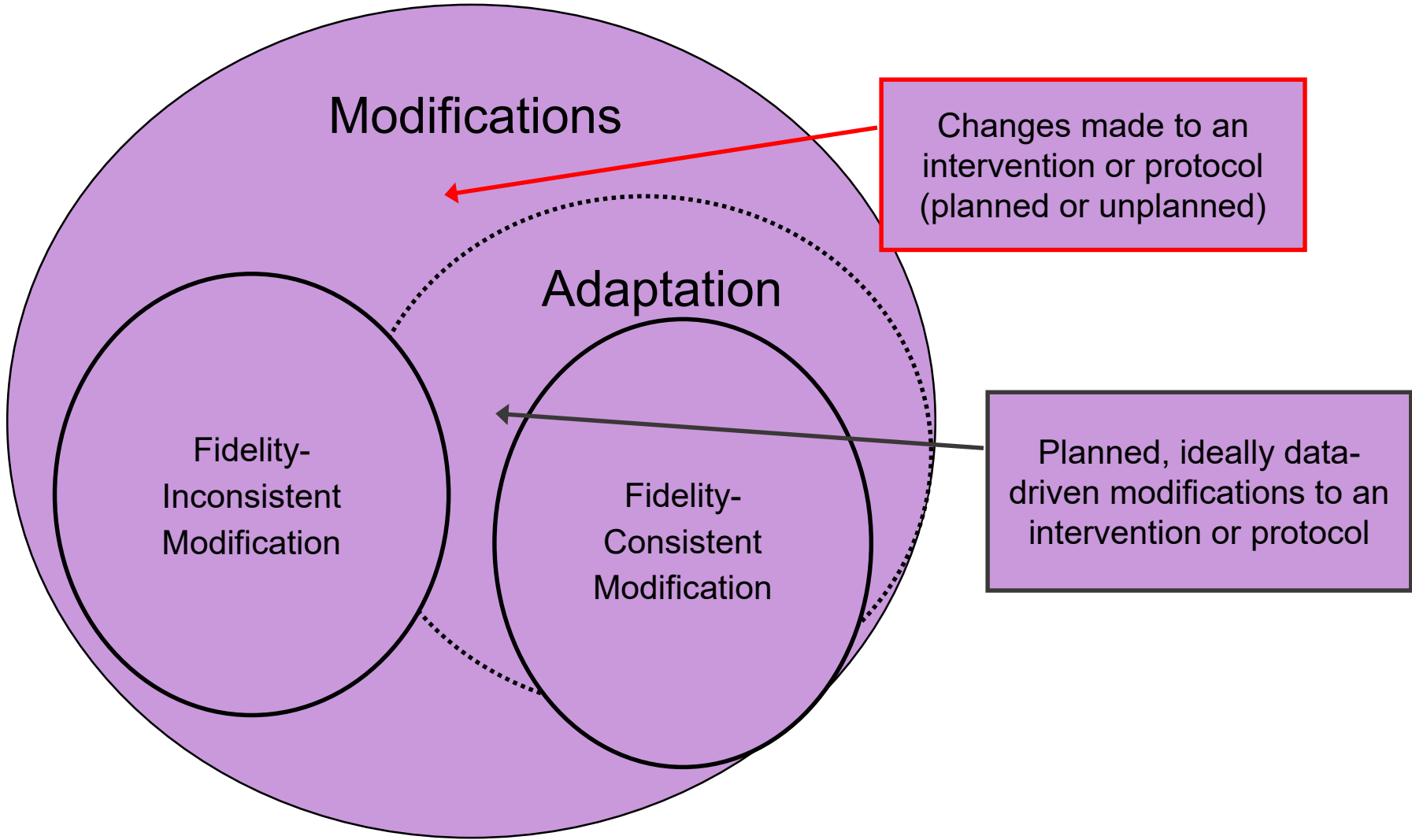
Modification: changes (proactive or reactive) made to the intervention/program

Adaptation: proactive, planned modifications

What is adaptation in implementation science? It depends!

- **Process or mechanism** associated with successful implementation (Stirman et al., 2012; Iwelunmor et al., 2016)
- An implementation **strategy** (Aarons et al., 2012; Powell et al., 2015)
- **Adaptability** as a quality or characteristic of an intervention (e.g. with modular interventions being inherently adaptable) (Damschroder et al., 2009)
- Adaptation as an implementation **outcome** (similar to fidelity) (Proctor et al., 2011)

Modification, Adaptation, Fidelity



Adaptation is inherent in implementation

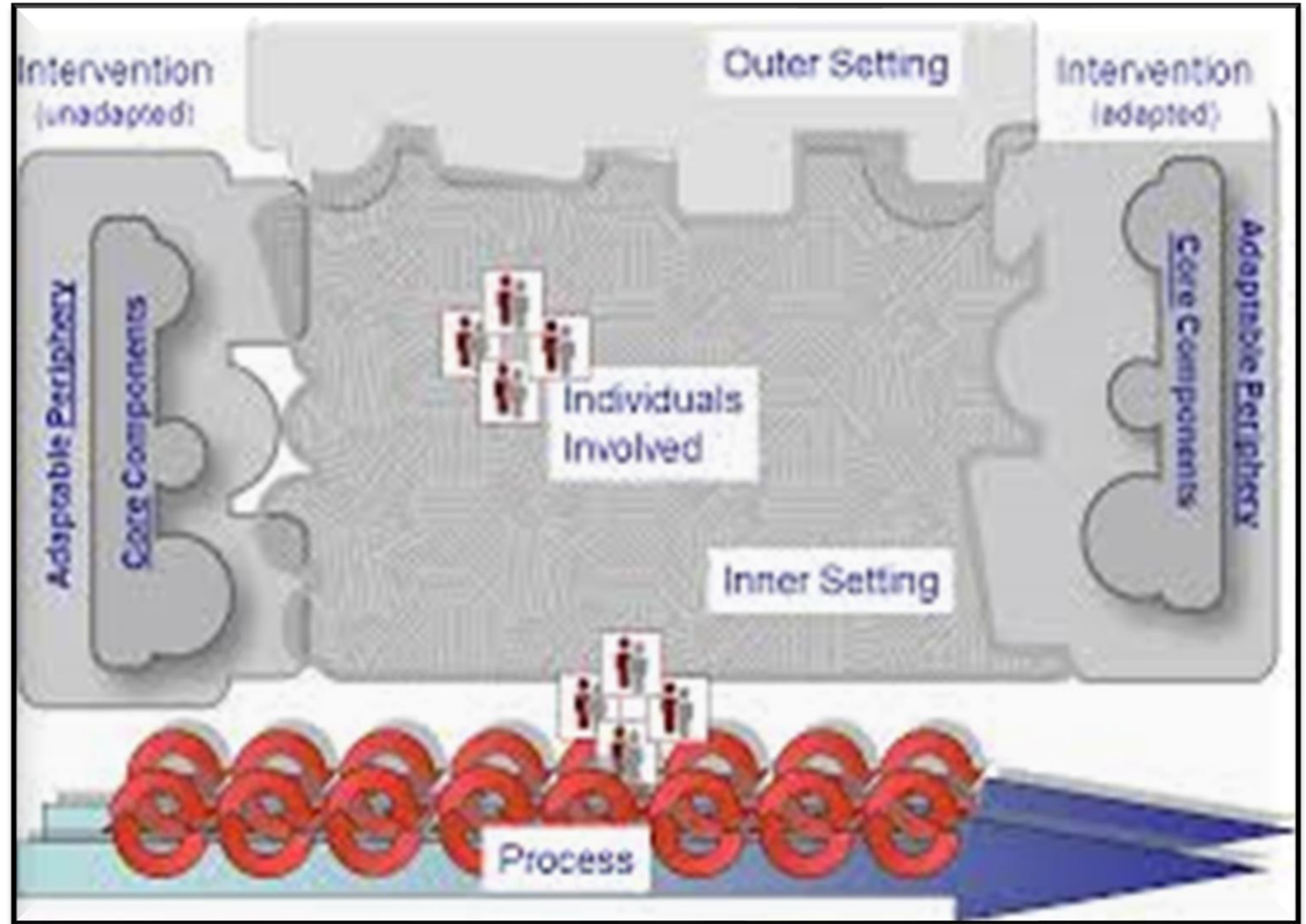
- Adaptation is inherent – perhaps crucial – to the implementation process
- If we view local adaptations, cultural adaptation, and other efforts to improve fit as flaws in implementation fidelity:
 - we are at best missing opportunities to learn
 - at worst, setting ourselves up for implementation failure

Context

Even if you have the most successful intervention, context can affect how it is implemented

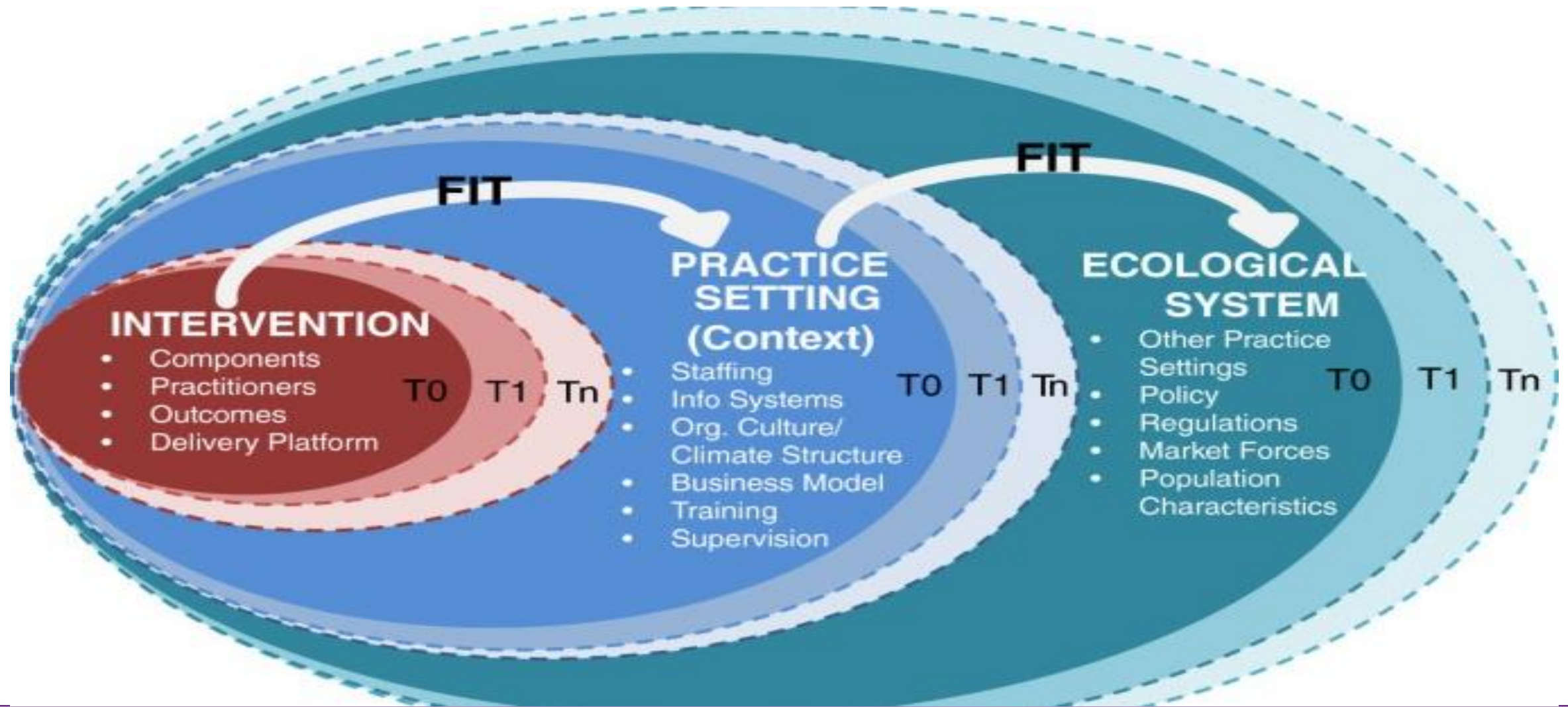


Consolidated Framework of Implementation Research (CFIR)



Damschroder, L. J., Aron, D. C., Keith, R. E., Kirsh, S. R., Alexander, J. A., & Lowery, J. C. (2009). Fostering implementation of health services research findings into practice: a consolidated framework for advancing implementation science. *Implementation science*, 4(1), 1-15.

The Dynamic Sustainability Framework





Fidelity-Adaptation Tension

What do we mean by core elements?



Parts of the intervention that are **empirically or theoretically** associated with desired outcomes/impact



Parts of the intervention that are **effective and necessary**



Might mean attending to ***function***, rather than ***form*** in complex settings and interventions (c.f., Perez Jolles, 2019)



These may not be the same in all contexts

Core elements vs. Core functions



*May lead to refinement
or confirmation of core
elements
(with good measurement)*

**Fidelity
Inconsistent**

Planned

Theoretically Optimal

**Fidelity
Consistent**

*Occasionally unavoidable,
opportunities for learning*

**Unplanned
(Reactive)**

*Theoretically ideal in
unexpected circumstances*

Adaptation Process: Decision Frameworks

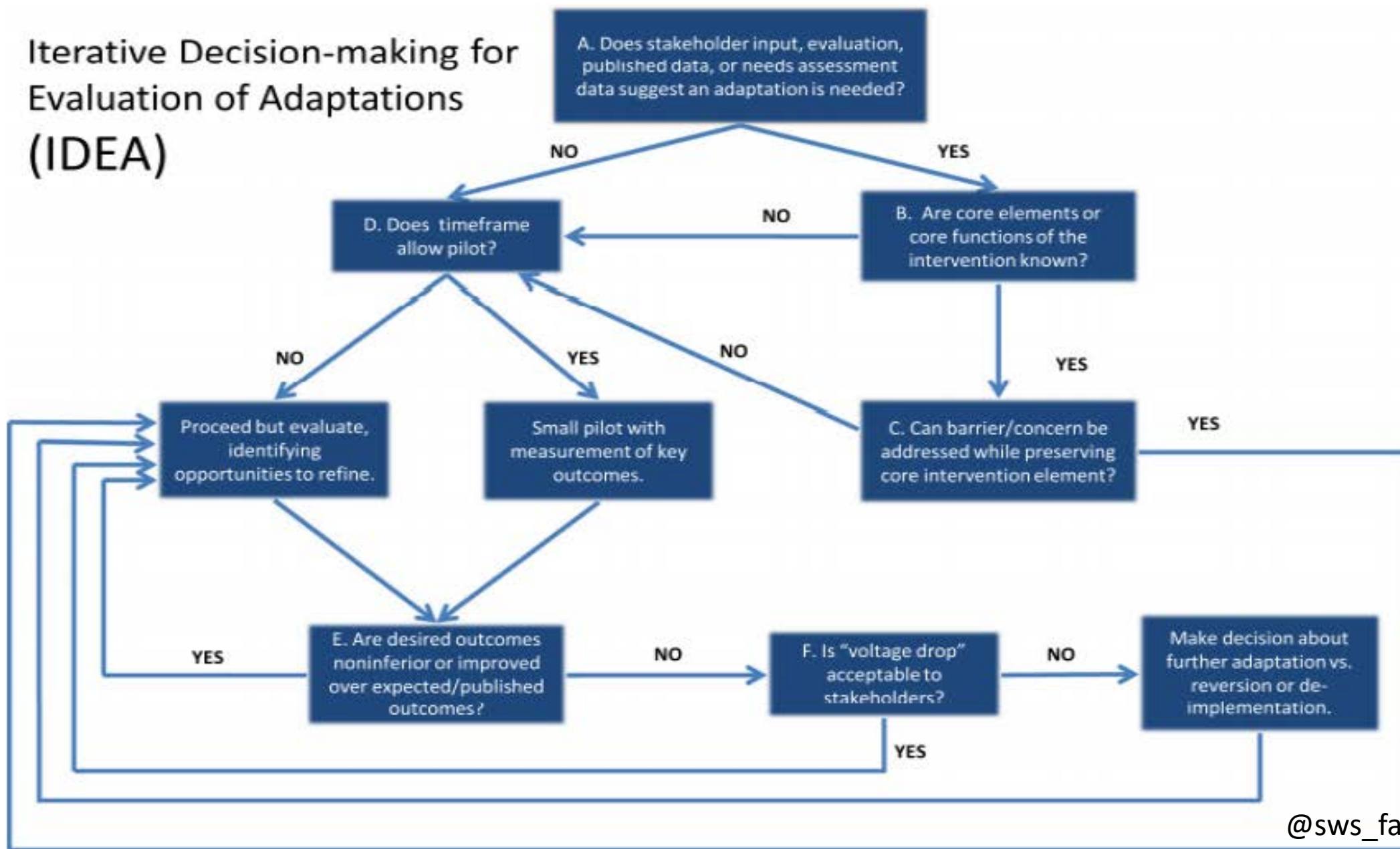
Iterative Decision
Tree for Evaluation
of Adaptations
(IDEA)

Model for
Adaptation Design
& Impact
(MADI)

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Kirk, M. A., Moore, J. E., Stirman, S. W., & Birken, S. A. (2020). Towards a comprehensive model for understanding adaptations' impact: the model for adaptation design and impact (MADI). *Implementation Science, 15*(1), 1-15.

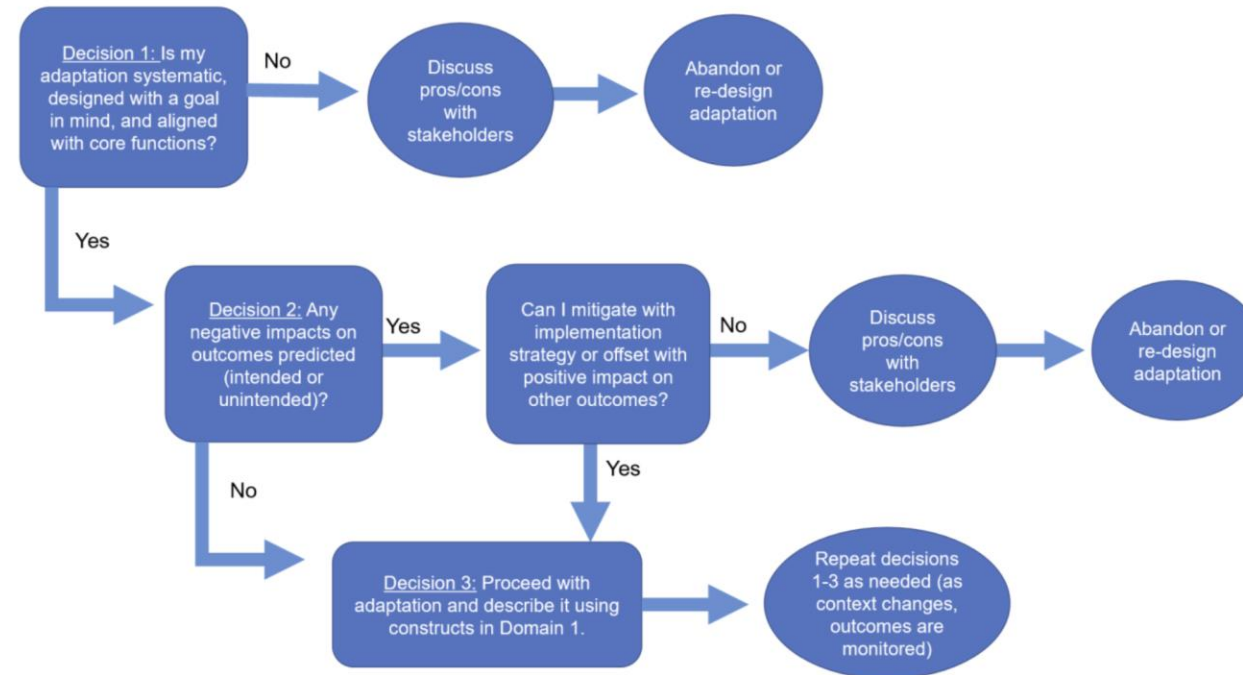
Iterative Decision-making for Evaluation of Adaptations (IDEA)



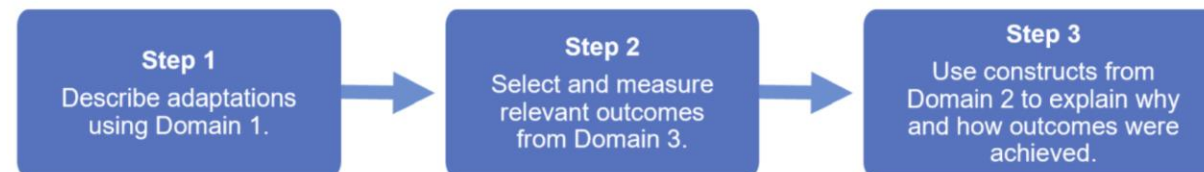
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MADI as a Decision Aid

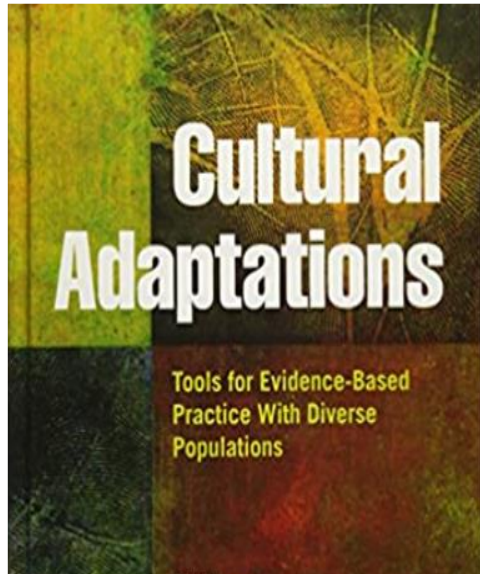
Decision Aid 1: Prospective Use of MADI



Decision Aid 2: Retrospective Use of MADI



Adaptation Process



Bernal, G., & Domenech Rodríguez, M. M. (Eds.). (2012). *Cultural adaptations: Tools for evidence-based practice with diverse populations*. American Psychological Association. <https://doi.org/10.1037/13752-000>

A scoping study of frameworks for adapting public health evidence-based interventions

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Parent Management Training-Oregon Model (PMTO™) in Mexico City: Integrating Cultural Adaptation Activities in an Implementation Model

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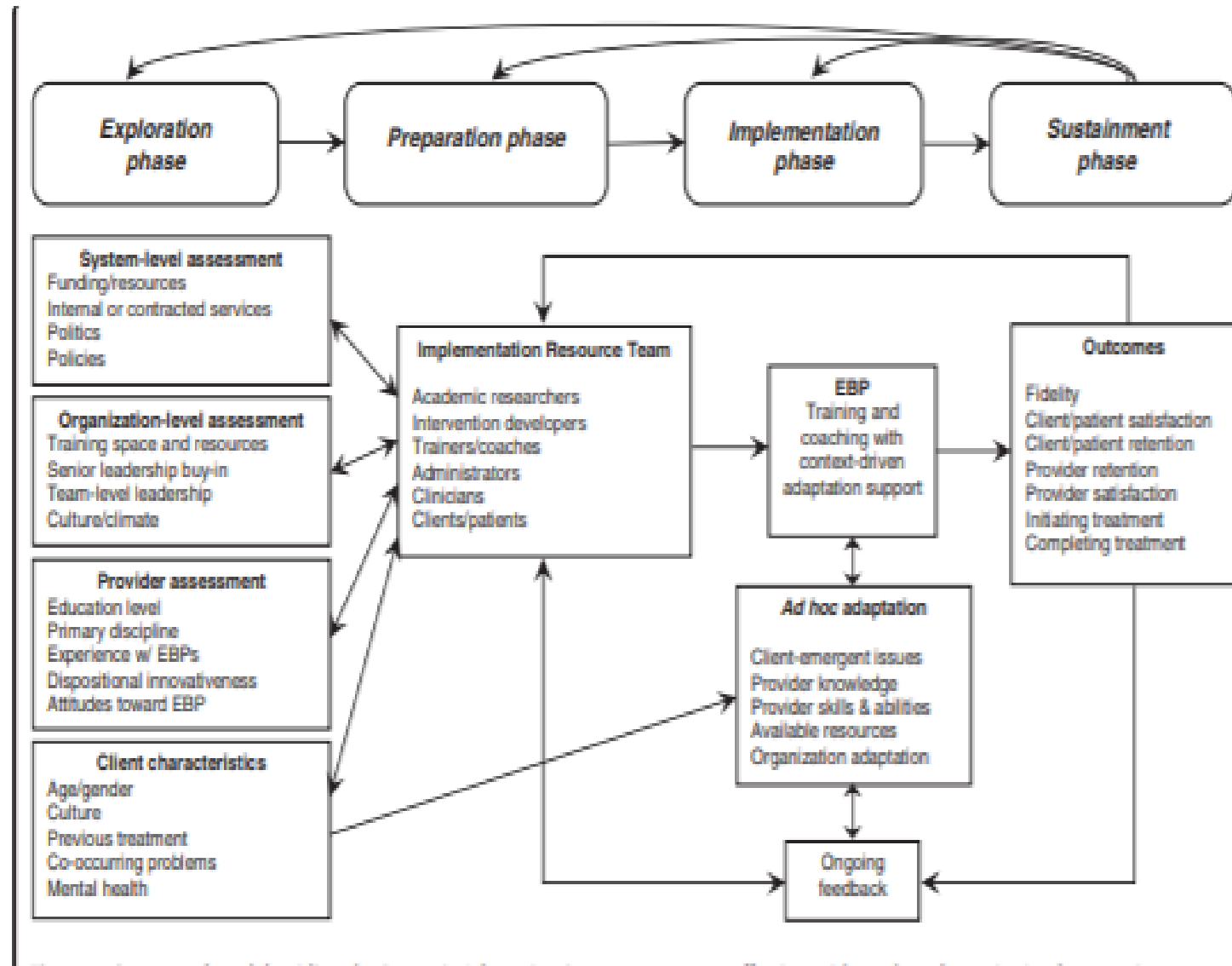
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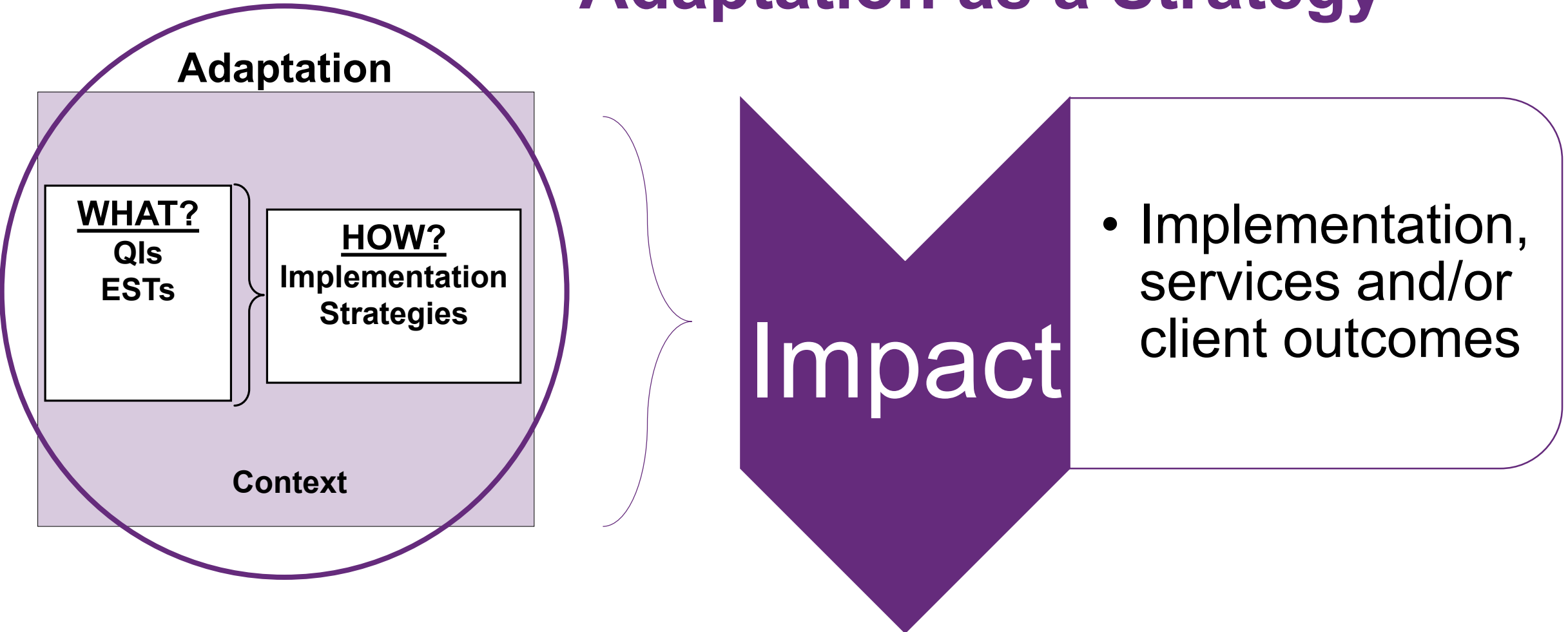
Using the collaborative intervention planning framework to adapt a health-care manager intervention to a new population and provider group to improve the health of people with serious mental illness

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Adaptation as a Strategy



Adaptation as a Strategy



Documenting adaptations

Goals of documenting adaptations during implementation

- Create an **organized list of adaptations** that future implementers can consider for success
- Provide **contextual process data** to interpret outcomes (i.e., how adaptations contribute to outcomes)
- **Link adaptations to outcomes** (what kind of outcomes can be expected when specific adaptations are made?)
- **Consider refinements** to the recommended intervention & implementation strategies based on observed changes
- Propose **refinements** to the existing methodologies and frameworks and develop a replicable, easy-to-use documentation method for adaptations/modifications

Self Report

COMPLETE ONE OF THESE CHECKLISTS FOR EACH THERAPY VISIT / WEEK

Please check the box next to any modifications or adaptations that you observed during your review of the session (see next page for code definitions).

Type of Modification	Check Here
1. Tailoring/tweaking/refining (e.g., changing terminology or language, modifying worksheets in minor ways) Describe:	
2. Integrating components of the intervention into another framework (e.g., selecting elements to use but not using the whole protocol) Describe:	
3. Integrating another treatment into the EBP (e.g., integrating other techniques into the intervention) Describe:	
4. Removing/skipping core modules or components of the treatment Describe:	
5a Pacing/Timing-Decelerating--Lengthening/extending time spent during therapy visit covering a CPT session	
5b. Pacing/Timing-Decelerating--Lengthening/extending number of weeks	
6a. Pacing/Timing-Accelerating--Shortening/condensing time spent during therapy visit covering a CPT session	
6b. Pacing/Timing-Accelerating--Shortening/condensing number of weeks	
7. Adjusting other order of intervention modules, topics, or segments Describe:	
8. Adding modules or topics to the intervention Describe:	
9. Departing from the protocol starting to use another treatment strategy Describe:	
10. Loosening the session structure Describe:	
11. Repeating elements or modules (e.g., repeating a concept or activity covered in a previous session that was not intended for another session) Describe:	
12. Substituting elements or modules Describe:	

Interview



In the past [time period] /Since implementing [intervention], have you made any changes?



How have you changed it?

Probe with the codebook handy, ask enough questions to be able to determine which form of adaptation(s) they've made?



Do you make that change for everyone, or just some people?

Probe/who, how often



What led you to make that change?

Assess for therapist preference, recipient need/constraint, setting constraint/need, other factors

Who was involved in the decision?



Does it seem to be working? How do you determine if it's working?

Observation



Requires time and resources, including trained observers who know the FRAME and intervention well



Some adaptations (e.g., sequencing, spreading, adding sessions) might not be evident from a single observation



Practically and conceptually, it can make sense to assess fidelity and adaptation simultaneously



Observing the full protocol can have implications for fidelity assessments

Assessment strategies

Self-report

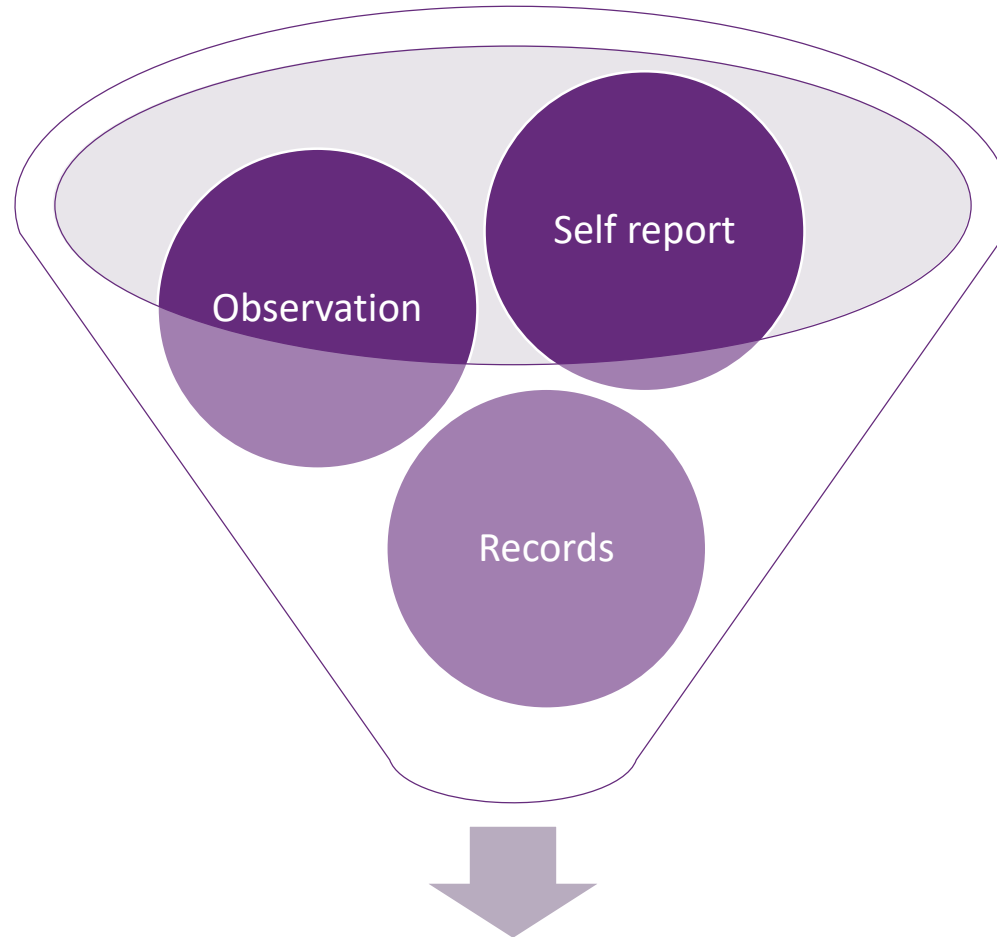
- Recall
- Accuracy
- Record keeping
- Provider burden

Observation

- Time and resources
- Some modifications (e.g. changing session sequence) may require longitudinal observation
- Hawthorne Effect

May require multimethod assessment and triangulation

Triangulation



Full Picture of Adaptations

Adaptation: Documenting

Wiltsey Stirman *et al. Implementation Science* (2019) 14:58
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The FRAME: an expanded framework for reporting adaptations and modifications to evidence-based interventions



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Framework for Reporting Adaptations and Modifications-Expanded*

PROCESS

WHEN did the modification occur?

- Pre-implementation/planning/pilot
- Implementation
- Scale up
- Maintenance/Sustainment

Were adaptations planned?

- Planned/Proactive (proactive adaptation)
- Planned/Reactive (reactive adaptation)
- Unplanned/Reactive (modification)

WHO participated in the decision to modify?

- **Political leaders**
- **Program Leader**
- **Funder**
- **Administrator**
- **Program manager**
- Intervention developer/purveyor
- Researcher
- Treatment/Intervention team
- Individual Practitioners (those who deliver it)
- **Community members**
- **Recipients**

Optional: Indicate who made the ultimate decision.

WHAT is modified?

- Content
- Modifications made to content itself, or that impact how aspects of the treatment are delivered
- Contextual
- Modifications made to the way the overall treatment is delivered
- Training and Evaluation
- Modifications made to the way that staff are trained in or how the intervention is evaluated
- Implementation and scale-up activities**
- **Modifications to the strategies used to implement or spread the intervention**

At what LEVEL OF DELIVERY (for whom/what is the modification made ?)

- Individual
- Target Intervention Group
- Cohort/individuals that share a particular characteristic
- Individual practitioner
- Clinic/unit level
- Organization
- Network System/Community

Contextual modifications are made to which of the following?

- Format
- Setting
- Personnel
- Population

What is the NATURE of the content modification?

- Tailoring/tweaking/refining
- Changes in packaging or materials
- Adding elements
- Removing/skipping elements
- Shortening/condensing (pacing/timing)
- Lengthening/ extending (pacing/timing)
- Substituting
- Reordering of intervention modules or segments
- **Spreading (breaking up session content over multiple sessions)**
- Integrating parts of the intervention into another framework (e.g., selecting elements)
- Integrating another treatment into EBP (not using the whole protocol and integrating other techniques into a general EBP approach)
- Repeating elements or modules
- Loosening structure
- **Departing from the intervention ("drift") followed by a return to protocol within the encounter**
- **Drift from protocol without returning**

Relationship fidelity/core elements?

- Fidelity Consistent/Core elements or functions preserved
- Fidelity Inconsistent/Core elements or functions changed
- Unknown

REASONS

What was the goal?

- Increase reach or engagement
- Increase retention
- Improve feasibility
- Improve fit with recipients
- To address cultural factors
- Improve effectiveness/outcomes
- Reduce cost
- Increase satisfaction
- To reduce disparities or promote equity

SOCIOPOLITICAL

- Existing Laws
- Existing Mandates
- Existing Policies
- Existing Regulations
- Political Climate
- Funding Policies
- Historical Context
- Societal/Cultural Norms
- Funding or Resource Allocation/Availability

ORGANIZATION/SETTING

- Available resources (funds, staffing, technology, space)
- Competing demands or mandates
- Time constraints
- Service structure
- Location/accessibility
- Regulatory/compliance
- Billing constraints
- Social context (culture, climate, leadership support)
- Mission
- Cultural or religious norms

PROVIDER

- Race
- Ethnicity
- Sexual/gender identity
- First/spoken languages
- Previous Training and Skills
- Preferences
- Clinical Judgement
- Cultural norms, competency
- Perception of intervention
- Comfort with Technology

RECIPIENT

- Race; Ethnicity
- Gender identity
- Sexual Orientation
- Access to resources
- Cognitive capacity
- Physical capacity
- Literacy and education level
- First/spoken languages
- Motivation and readiness
- Comfort with technology

- Legal status
- Cultural or religious norms
- Comorbidity/Multimorbidity
- Immigration Status
- Crisis or emergent circumstances

How?

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Individual practitioner/ facilitator

- Team
- Non-program staff
- Administration
- Program developer/ purveyor
- Researcher
- Coalition of stakeholders
- Unknown/unspecified

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What is the relationship to fidelity*?

- Fidelity Consistent
- Fidelity Inconsistent
- Unknown

**preservation of essential elements*

Why?

WHY was the adaptation made?

What was the goal?

- Increase reach or engagement
- Increase retention
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- Reduce cost
- Increase satisfaction
- To reduce disparities or promote equity

What factors influenced the decision?

SOCIOPOLITICAL

- Existing Laws, Mandates, and Policies
- Political climate
- Funding Policies
- Socio-historical context

ORGANIZATION/SETTING

- Available resources (funds, staffing, technology, space)
- Competing demands or mandates
- Service structure
- Location
- Regulatory/compliance
- Billing constraints
- Social context (culture, leadership support,)
- Mission or values

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Using the FRAME and Medical Records to Document Adaptations



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Assessment of modifications to evidence-based psychotherapies using administrative and chart note data from the US department of veterans affairs health care system

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TABLE 4 Estimated variance components for random effects for CPT and PE. *7,297 EBP sessions for 1,257 patients seen by 182 therapists

Modification type	Estimate	SE	LRT p-value	Proportion of variance
Tailoring/Tweaking				
Therapist effects	0.123	0.186	0.241	0.025
Patient effects	1.506	0.288	<0.0001	0.306
Switching CPT type				
Therapist effects	0.247	0.400	0.259	0.052
Patient effects	1.194	0.470	0.002	0.252
Integrating another treatment				
Therapist effects	0.429	0.393	0.116	0.090
Patient effects	1.028	0.543	0.017	0.217
Session lengthening/extending				
Therapist effects	1.612	0.314	<0.0001	0.261
Patient effects	1.276	0.187	<0.0001	0.207
Protocol lengthening/extending				
Therapist effects	1.287	0.445	<0.0001	0.281
Patient effects		NA (Scored at patient level across all sessions)		
Session shortening/condensing				
Therapist effects	0.498	0.102	<0.0001	0.084
Patient effects	2.116	0.133	<0.0001	0.358

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Patient effects	2.116	0.133	<0.0001	0.358
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Repeating

Therapist effects	0.671	0.122	<0.0001	0.169
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Patient effects	0.017	0.058	0.380	0.004
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Reordering

NA (very rare event)

Spreading

Therapist effects	0.479	0.115	<0.0001	0.116
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Patient effects	0.367	0.097	<0.0001	0.089
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Drift

Therapist effects	0.433	0.159	0.0002	0.098
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Patient effects	0.698	0.218	<0.0001	0.159
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Removing

Therapist effects	0.580	0.088	<0.0001	0.148
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Patient effects	0.040	0.039	0.133	0.010
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^aAll modifications except protocol extending were based on EBP sessions 1 through 7.

CPT, Cognitive Processing Therapy; PE, Prolonged Exposure.

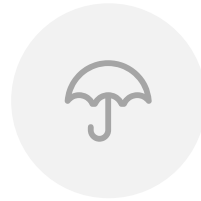
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How does adaptation impact outcomes?

What outcomes matter to stakeholders?



Engagement



Feasibility



Acceptability



Perception of fit

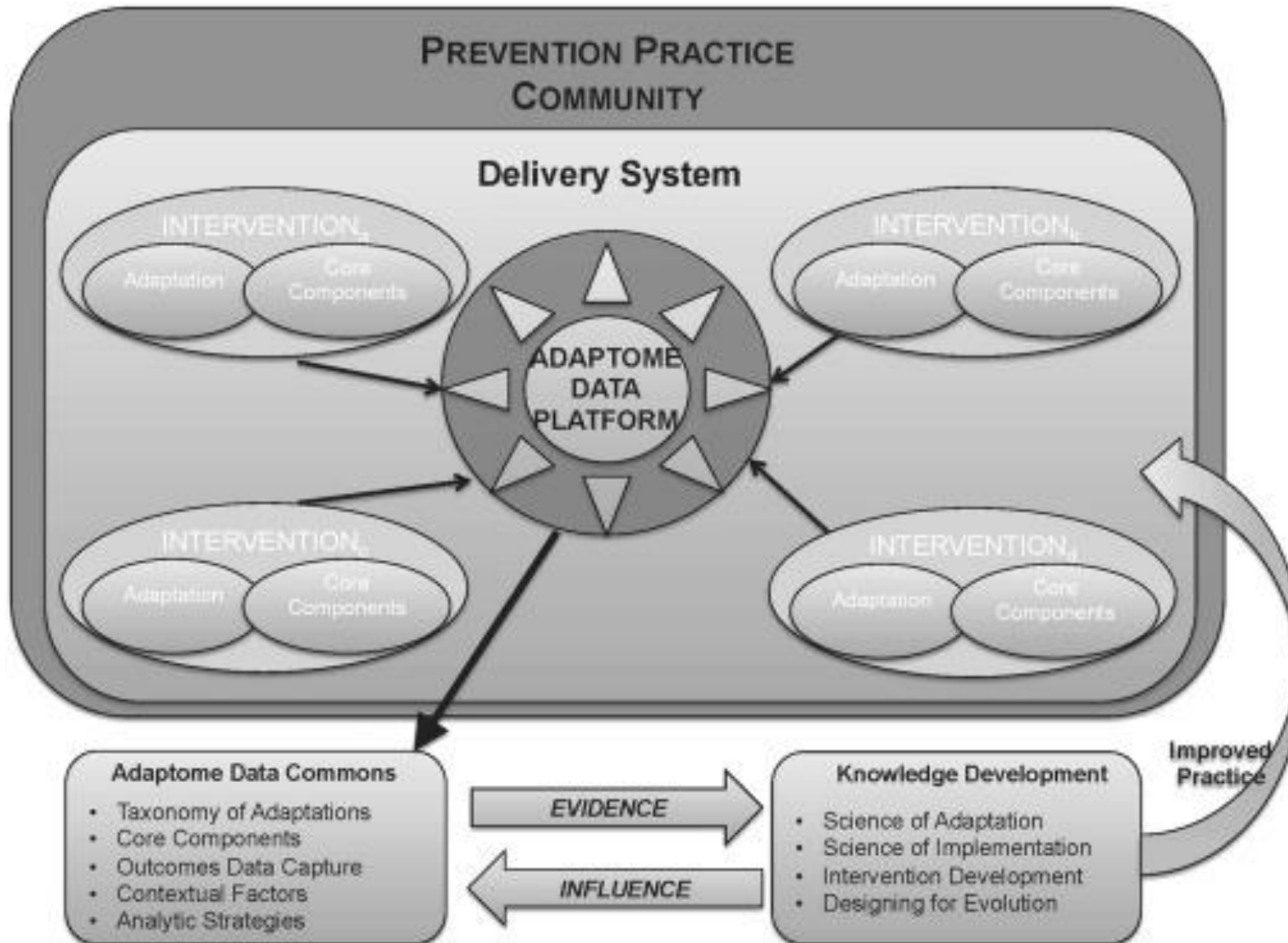


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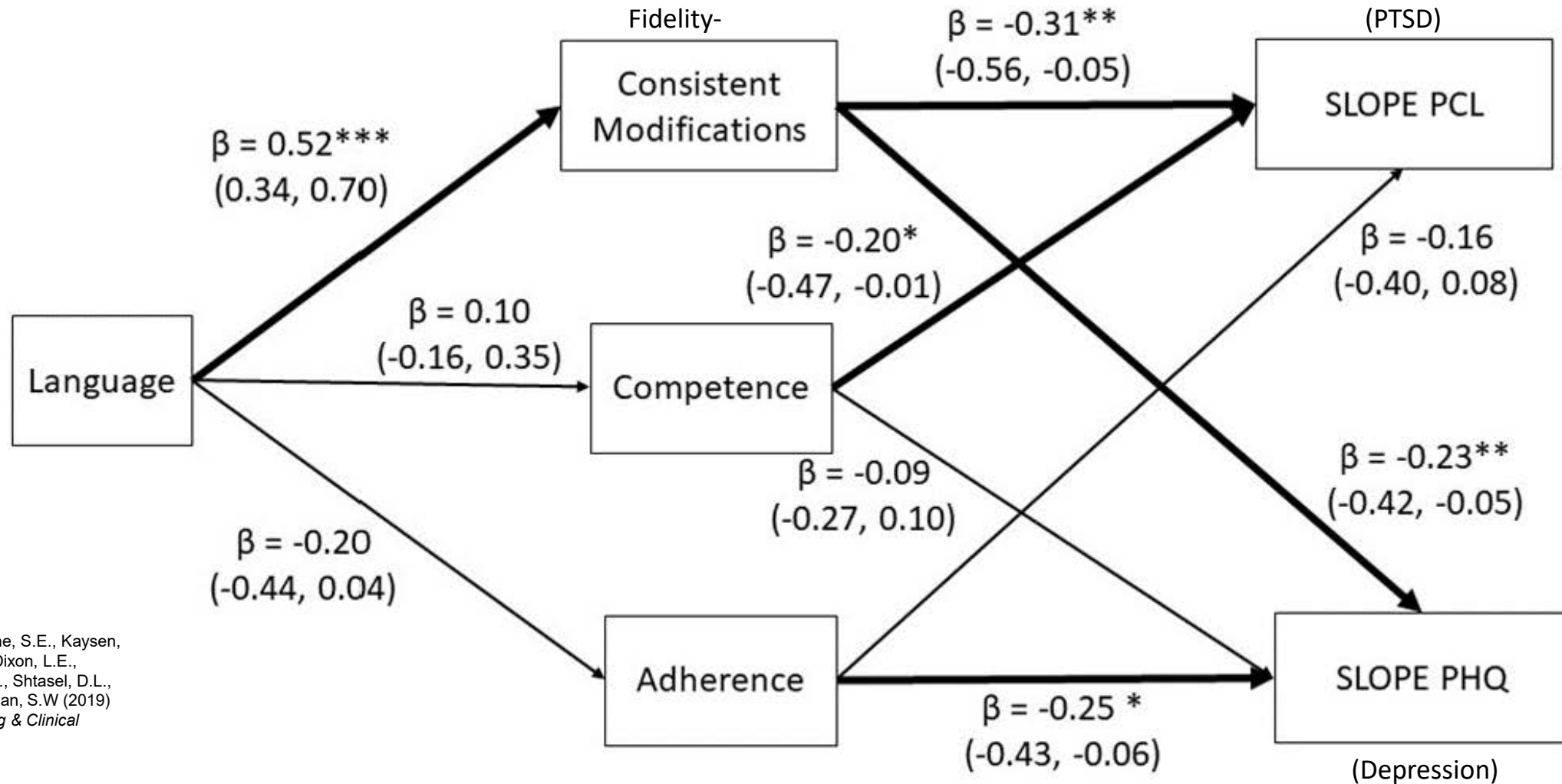
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Chambers & Norton- The Adaptome



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In summary

Adaptation happens. So:

- Plan
- Track
- Work to understand relationships with outcomes
 - Especially those that matter most to your partners!



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