



Using the science and practice of implementation to strengthen equity in our education systems, support our educators, and improve outcomes for children, families, and communities.



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What's In Your Toolkit? 4 Essential Mapping Tools to Drive Implementation Quality and Accelerate Change

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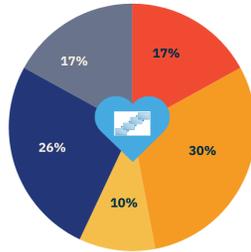
Embarking on the path of change and implementation requires more than just a vision; it demands a strategic roadmap to navigate the complexities effectively. The map serves as your guide, helping you plot the course, identify and avoid obstacles, and reach your destination with confidence. In the current educational landscape, where change is the only constant, having the right tools to support implementation efforts can make all the difference.

[Read the Blog Post](#)



What is your favorite framework?

- 17% **Improvement Cycles**
How are you and those you support selecting innovations and de-implementing?
- 17% **Usable Innovations**
Are your communication protocols working effectively?
- 30% **Implementation Teams**
What role do executive sponsors play? How about middle management?
- 10% **Implementation Stages**
New team members!!! How do we bring them on board fast and efficiently?
- 26% **Implementation Drivers**
How can we collect data to inform implementation that is not burdensome?



Implementation Science Hot Topics

AI & Implementation Science

In the ever-evolving landscape of education, staying abreast of advancements is crucial for enhancing teaching methodologies and student outcomes. Integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) into implementation science as we stride forward offers an exciting frontier worth exploring. AI, with its ability to analyze vast amounts of data and derive actionable insights, presents immense potential for optimizing the implementation of educational interventions and policies. Join us as we embark on this journey to leverage AI to revolutionize how we implement educational practices for the betterment of our students and the advancement of our field. Start by reading the following article and let us know your thoughts on Facebook or LinkedIn @siseppcenter.

READ: [Leveraging Artificial Intelligence to Advance Implementation Science](#)

Project Highlights

Sophia Farmer, Director

While Sophia Farmer has served as Co-Director of the SISEP Center for several years, with recent leadership transitions, Sophia has become the sole director of the center.

We are excited to continue supporting all of our active state partners, community of practice members, and micro-credentialing participants during the seamless transitions.

[Click here to learn more about Sophia](#)

Active States Forum

The SISEP Active States Forum is coming up in June. This year's forum will focus on the framework of Usable Innovation.

Registration and information went out to our active state liaisons and partners. Please check your emails for more information.

Not an active state with SISEP? We will highlight learnings and information from the Forum in our August eNote.



Implementation Science for Educators

SEASON 3:
Series: The Science of
Reading & Literacy
Innovations

COMING SOON



Implementation Science for Educators - Season 3

Season 3 of your favorite podcast is heading your way! This season will be dedicated to 3 mini-series taking you through a learning and sharing journey focused on the frameworks.

Our first mini-series will be examining Usable Innovations and the impact we are seeing with the Science of Reading and Literacy Implementation.

[Listen now to Season 1 & 2](#)

State Readiness & Exploration

SISEP is looking for future state partners!

We are designing a Community of Practice for the '24-'25 academic year to support readiness and potential exploration activities with new state partners. The CoP participants will meet six (6) times to gauge readiness throughout the year. States should have 2-3 individuals from special education and additional departments participate as a team. An informational session will be held on May 23rd at 2:00 PM ET. If you would like more information, please email rhornak@unc.edu.





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AI Hub - Updates

*New Tool: Empathy Interview Process & Template

An implementation support practitioner can gain knowledge of the context through an empathy interview as part of the design process for supporting agencies with implementation. As you engage with agencies as part of readiness, you can use the following template to guide the conversation.

The example of an empathy interview protocol and results summary was co-created between implementation support practitioners and staff of an intermediate agency funded by a state agency to support the adoption, implementation, and evaluation of evidence-based practices for children's behavioral health.

[Click here to view tool](#)

*New Video: ISP Core Competency - Brokering

In this SISEP story, we continue to follow Julie as she navigates working with multiple teams to carry out the implementation plan for the new behavioral health initiative in Implemania County's schools. This video highlights the implementation practitioner competency of brokering.

NIRN Updates

NIRN releases Research & Evaluation Agenda

The National Implementation Research Network (NIRN) at the UNC Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute (FPG) helps lead the way in best practices and science of implementation, organizational change, and system reinvention, with the goal of improving outcomes across the human services spectrum. To strengthen this commitment, NIRN developed a new research and evaluation agenda designed to advance implementation research. The agenda, released in August, focuses on integrating implementation science research and practice.



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