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# CCBHC EBP Implementation Science Learning Community Kick-Off

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# Overview/Context Setting

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# Today's Learning Objectives

- Understand purpose, partners and activities for the CCBHC EBP Implementation Science Pilot Learning Community
- Identify key research themes from project templates
- Discuss learning community approach and topics
- Provide opportunity for input and feedback
- Share next steps



# CCBHC EBP Implementation Science Pilot

SAMHSA, in collaboration with the NIMH and NIDA, launched an implementation science initiative to facilitate the adoption, scaling and sustainment of evidence-based practices in CCBHCs. This [CCBHC Implementation Science Pilot](#) will create partnerships between researchers and providers that draw on implementation science to advance the quality of clinical care and behavioral health system performance and health outcomes for the individuals being served.

- Goals of the pilot:
  - Utilize implementation science research to support the adoption, fidelity, and sustainability of selected evidence-based practices in community-based settings that provide mental health and substance use care.
  - Support the removal of barriers and promotion of facilitating factors related to the implementation and sustainability of selected evidence-based practices.
  - Support SAMHSA-funded Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) grantees through practical guidance on implementing evidence-based treatments in public sector clinics.

# Implementation Science Pilot Activities

- CCBHCs are responsible for working with a researcher on development, securing funding and implementation of their research projects.
- SAMHSA, NIMH, NIDA and the CCBHC-E National Training and Technical Assistance Center will collaboratively support these efforts through:
  - Providing early support and technical assistance on identifying project areas of focus.
  - Facilitating networking and connection between CCBHCs and researchers (including through an established database of existing and potential projects).
  - Hosting a learning community for pilot participants that supports them in development and implementation of their projects, as well as connecting them to other training, technical assistance or resource opportunities.

# Additional Partners and Roles

- **UConn Innovations Institute:** Experts in translational research and implementation (with a special focus on children, youth and families). Will lead implementation of learning community, including hosting sessions and organizing content.
- **MPHI:** Research and evaluation experts. Leading data collection, dashboarding, analysis and evaluation across entire CCBHC-E NTTAC. Will lead development and implementation of data and evaluation plan for the learning community and CCBHC-E NTTAC activities under the pilot.
- **Bowling Business Strategies:** Kerry King is a clinical expert/psychologist. Will support resource development as well as serve as subject matter expert.



# Update: CCBHC Pilot Project Database

- Information from project templates has been summarized into a filterable “database” of CCBHC Implementation Science Pilot Projects.
- The website and database will be shared with research networks to facilitate access to and connection with CCBHCs looking for a research partner.
- Access the database through our webpage:
  - <https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/program/ccbhc-e-national-training-and-technical-assistance-center/ccbhc-ebp-implementation-science-pilot/>





# Learning Community Purpose

Opportunity for CCBHC grantees participating in the EBP Implementation Science Pilot to:

- Gain knowledge and skills in research-practice partnerships and implementation science
- Supporting CCBHC grantees participating in the pilot to develop and/or implement their project templates
- Interact with and learn from peer CCBHCs and researchers to shape or advance pilot projects

# SAMHSA/NIH Presentation

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# Implementation Science Pilot

- SAMHSA ISP Team will be reaching out to all grantees for a short 15min meeting
  - Grantees that have not yet submitted pre-partner templates will be able to discuss their plans and any needs for TA.
- SAMHSA and NIH have pushed information to our research contacts
  - Researchers will be reaching out to grantees for more information
  - SAMHSA and NIH will be meeting with researchers to help foster relationships and introduce them to CCBHCs
- Next Steps
  - Pre-partnered grantees will need to submit partnered templates once they are partnered with a researcher and have solidified their research project

# Early Research Themes

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# Early Research Themes

- CCBHC EBP Implementation Science Needs Assessment
  - Conducted a literature review and listening sessions in Fall 2022
    - CCBHC project directors, care coordinators, clinicians, and clinic directors and supervisors shared perspectives on implementation science needs around EBP adoption
- Research project templates submitted by you were also analyzed for key words and themes

# What we heard from you:



## Conditions

- Trauma; Suicide
- Serious Mental Illness; Polysubstance Use
- Substance Use; Co-occurring Disorders



## Populations

- Immigrants and Refugees
- LGBTQ Populations
- Veterans; Individuals with Disabilities; Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations

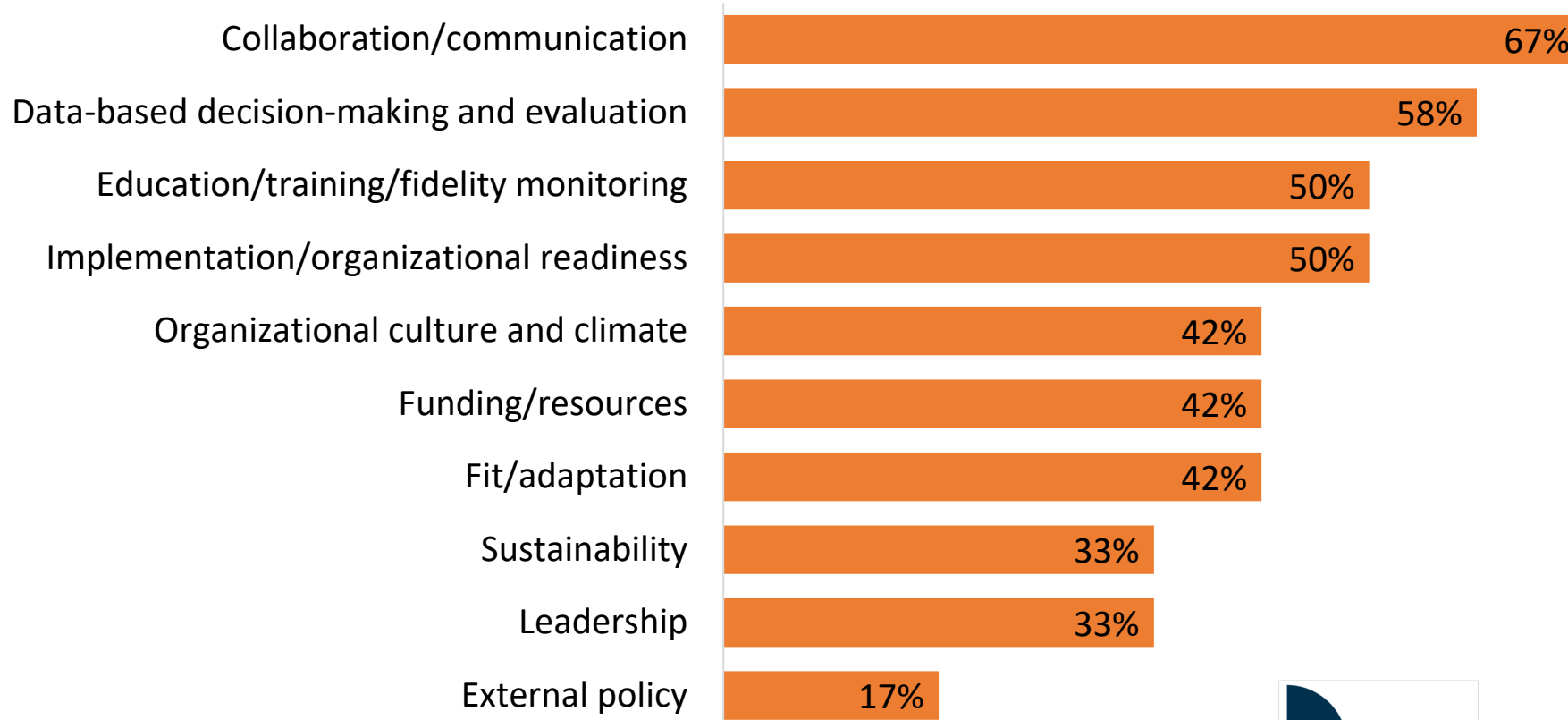


## Treatment Types

- Community-Based Treatments
- Peer Delivered Recovery Support Services
- Group Psychotherapy Interventions



# Implementation science needs by domain



# Research Project Templates Themes







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# Learning Community Overview and Discussion

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# Learning Community Structure

- 6 meetings with focus on *Building a Strong Foundation*
- Will convene last Wednesday of each month (April through September) from 2:00 – 3:30 ET
- Each meeting will include:
  - Topic presentation
  - Lessons learned from early adopters (CCBHCs and researchers)
  - Break out opportunities for peer learning

# Learning Community Dates

Date	Time
Wednesday, 4/26	2:00-3:30 ET
Wednesday, 5/31	2:00-3:30 ET
Wednesday, 6/28	2:00-3:30 ET
Wednesday, 7/26	2:00-3:30 ET
Wednesday, 8/30	2:00-3:30 ET
Wednesday, 9/27	2:00-3:30 ET

Seeking early adopters (CCBHC and researchers) for each meeting!

# Technical Assistance Topic Poll

What topics would you like covered in this learning community? Please rank order the below and feel free to suggest other topics in the chat.

- Culturally Responsive and Equity (CRE) criteria for Evidence Based Practice Reviews
- Implementation Science Frameworks
- Roles of and Partnerships with Researchers
- Use of Needs Assessments
- Identification and Use of Data
- Collaboration and Communication with System and Community Partnerships
- Organizational Capacity (Culture, Climate & Leadership) and Readiness for Implementation
- Establishing Continuous Quality Improvement Systems with Fidelity and Quality Monitoring
- Funding, Resources, and Sustainability
- Preparing for Manualization and Replication of Field Informed Models
- Common Barriers and Facilitators to EBP Implementation



# Technical Assistance Type Poll

What form of technical assistance would be most helpful? Please rank order the below and feel free to share other forms of technical assistance in the chat.

- Subject matter expert presentation
- Lessons learned presentation from early adopter CCHBCs and researchers
- Peer to peer interaction in breakout rooms
- Individual opportunities for technical assistance



# Questions and Feedback?



# Next Steps

- Join us for future learning community sessions! Be on the lookout for follow up emails and calendar invites and complete our post-session evaluation.
- Review the database and let us know if you have any edits or recommended changes to the information provided for your organization.
- Be prepared to receive outreach from researchers.
- As you develop partnerships, provide SAMHSA/CCBHC-E NTTAC with updated partner templates.
- Participants who already have partners - be prepared to share your early experiences with others!

