



Improving Implementation of TFCO Through Evidence-Informed Implementation Assessment and Feedback

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Goals



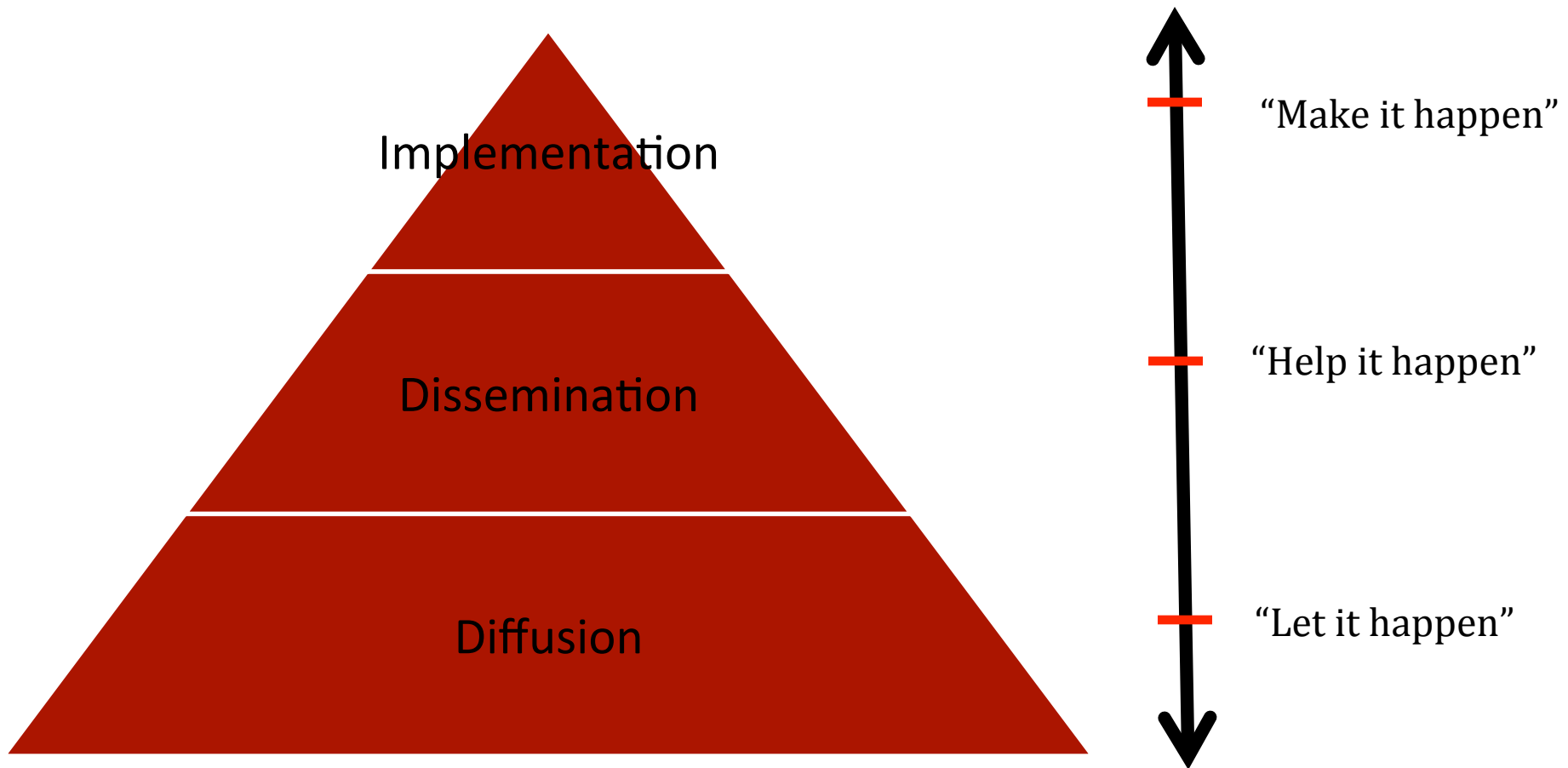
- Define Implementation
- Briefly define TFCO model
- Describe research on measuring implementation that has come out of the TFCO model
- Describe how this research has lead to minor changes in TFCO implementation process
- Describe how this research has lead to the potential for providing empirical, data-driven assessment and feedback to stakeholders attempting to adopt TFCO

What Happens to Innovation?

Good ideas spread on their own!

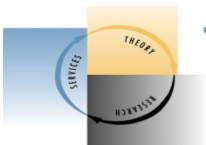
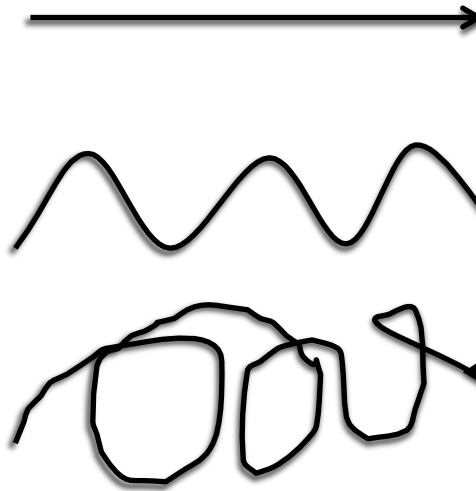


Defining Implementation



(Greenhalgh et al., 2004; Lomas, 1993)

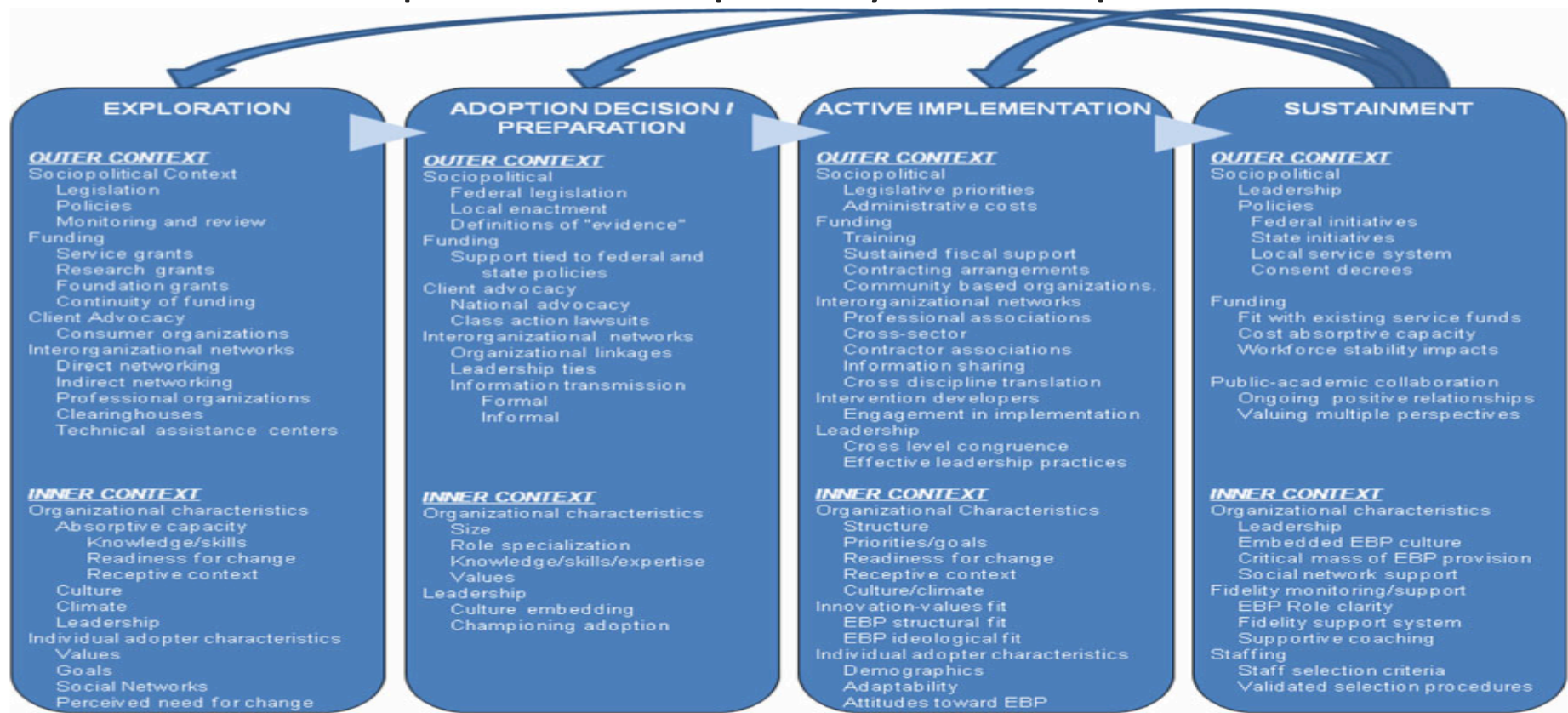
Implementation Process



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Implementation of
EVIDENCE-BASED
PROGRAMS

Defining Implementation

Spans the continuum from the pre-implementation toward the development of competency and independence



Aarons, G.A., Hurlburt, M. & Horwitz, S.M. (2011). Advancing a Conceptual Model of Evidence-Based Practice Implementation in Public Service Sectors. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*.38, 4-23.

The Challenge of Measuring Implementation



- Implementation of EBP entails extensive planning, training, and quality assurance
- Involves a complex set of interactions between developers, system leaders, front line staff, and consumers
- Recursive process of well defined stages or steps that are not necessarily linear

Agents in Implementation



Natural Tension

- Methodology of Intervention Development and Real-World Pace, Resources, and Needs for Implementation
- Rigor of Science and Adaptation to Fit Contexts



But there **Is** Agreement

Implementation Components Rated as Important by Both Purveyors and Implementers

- evidence based interventions that can be taught, modeled, evaluated and replicated,
- major stakeholder and leadership buy-in and support of the new model,
- the commitment of staff to the program model,
- the availability of ongoing training and technical assistance,
- support from the developer in terms of ongoing training, evaluation, and constructive feedback,
- adequate funding to support implementation as well as ongoing operation of the program after implementation, and
- support from the agency.

Treatment Foster Care Oregon



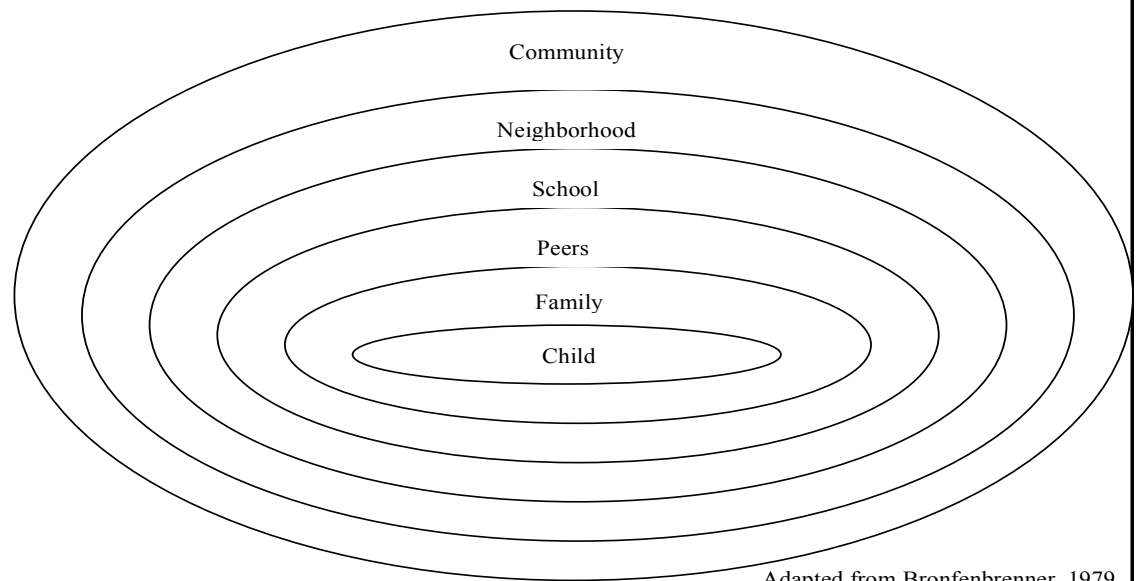
TFCO Basics

- EBP for youth who otherwise would be in congregate care– JJ and CWS
- Youth placed in well supported foster homes
- Backed by multiple randomized clinical trials
- Currently being implemented in over 70 sites domestically and internationally



TFCO Basics

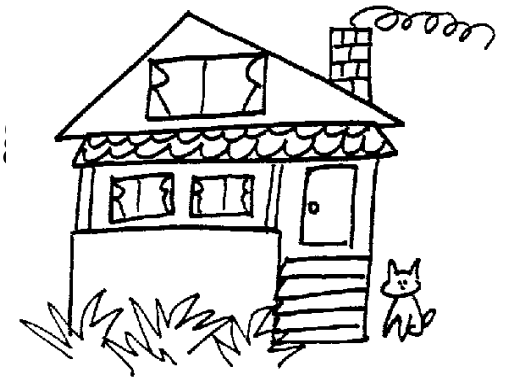
- Objective
 - Change the trajectory of negative behavior by improving social adjustment across settings
- How is this achieved?
 - Simultaneous & well-coordinated treatments in multiple settings
 - Home
 - School
 - Community
 - Peer group



Adapted from Bronfenbrenner, 1979

TFCO Basics

- Youth are placed individually in foster homes
- Treatment in a family setting focusing on the youth *and* the family
- Intensive support and treatment in a setting that closely mirrors normative life
- Intensive parent management training
- Youth attend public schools



Known Risk and Protective Factors From TFCO Research

- Effects mediated by:
 - Supervision
 - Relationship with a mentoring adult
 - Consistent non-harsh discipline
 - Less association with delinquent peers
 - Homework completion



Implementation of TFCO

- Many moving parts
- Agents involved to varying degrees during different parts of the process
- Well defined, yet individualized
- Multiple decision points
- Agency Driven and Purveyor Supported



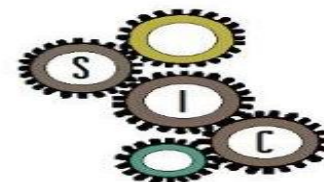
The Role of Measurement to Inform Successful Implementation

- Can we use measurement to inform feedback within these interactions?
- How can we develop metrics and benchmarks to create data-driven feedback?



The Stages of Implementation Completion (SIC)TM

- Initially developed to measure the TFCO implementation process as part of a large scale implementation trial to scale-up TFCO (Chamberlain PI, NIMH R01MH076158)
- Measures implementation activities from Engagement to Competency
- Spans three Phases: Pre-implementation, Implementation, Sustainment
- Has been adapted for multiple EBPs in different service sectors including JJ, CWS, HIV Prevention, Housing, Substance Use, Primary Care, Mental Health, Schools



Operationalizing Implementation

- Activities that are thought to be necessary for implementation
- Activities that are conducted as usual practice (even without evidence of being necessary) during implementation
- Date driven
 - Must define what “completed” means
 - Must define what missing data means
 - not completed
 - not completed because not relevant in this implementation context
 - completed but with a previous implementation
 - completed but not certain when it happened



SIC Stages

8 Stages:			Involvement:		
Pre	[1. Engagement		System Leader	
		2. Consideration of Feasibility		System Leader, Agency	
		3. Readiness Planning		System Leader, Agency	
Imp	[4. Staff Hired and Trained		Agency, Practitioner	
		5. Adherence Monitoring Established		Practitioner, Client	
		6. Services and Consultation		Practitioner, Client	
		7. Ongoing Services, Consultation, Fidelity, Feedback		Practitioner, Client	
Sus	[8. Competency (certification)		System Leader, Agency, Practitioner, Client	

TFCO SIC Activities Within Stage

1. Engagement
Date agreed to consider implementation
2. Consideration of Feasibility
Date of stakeholder meeting #1
3. Readiness Planning
Date of cost calculator/funding plan review
4. Staff Hired and Trained
Date of initial supervisor training
5. Adherence Monitoring Established
Date fidelity technology set-up
6. Services and Consultation Begin
Date of first client served
7. Ongoing Services, Consultation, Fidelity, Feedback
Date of Implementation Review #1
8. Competency (certification)
Date of first certification application submitted

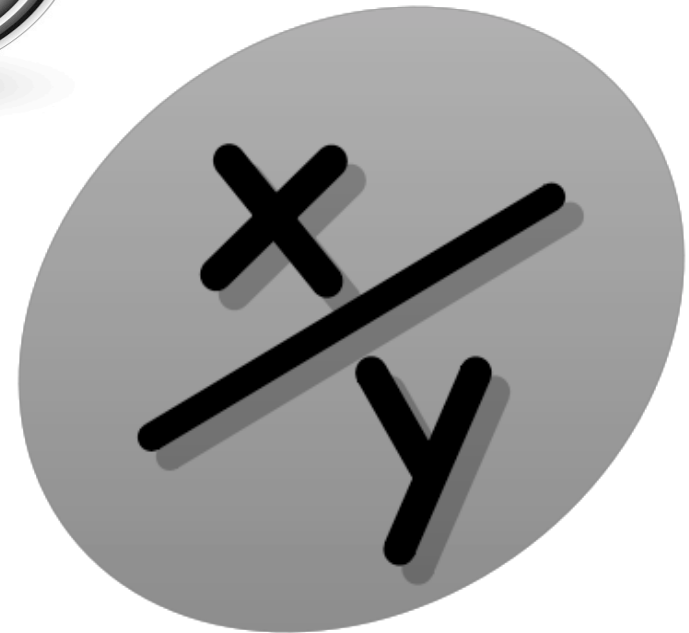


Yields THREE Scores

➤ Duration



➤ Proportion



➤ Stage Score

TFCO-SIC Outcomes

- Reliably distinguish good from poor performers
- Reliability distinguishes between implementation strategies
- Meaningful prediction of implementation milestones
- Pre-implementation SIC behavior predicts successful program start-up
- Pre-implementation SIC behavior predicts discontinuing program
- Pre-implementation and implementation behavior combined predict development of Competency (Stage 8)



What Is Pre-Implementation?

➤ Stage 1: Engagement

Date site informed/learned of TFCO services

Date of interest indicated

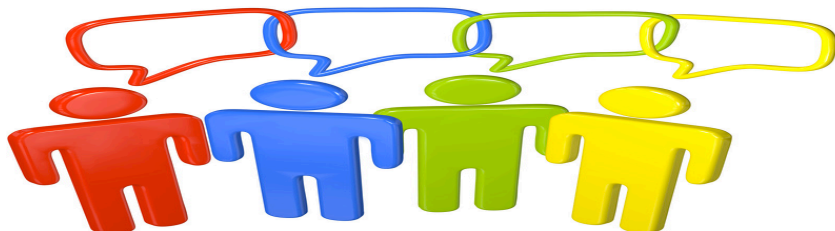
Date agreed to consider implementing

➤ Stage 2: Consideration of Feasibility

Date of first response to planning contact

Date Stakeholder meeting #1 held

Date Feasibility Questionnaire completed



What Is Pre-Implementation?

➤ Stage 3: Readiness Planning

Date of cost calculator/funding plan review
Date of staff sequencing, timeline, hiring plan
Date of Foster Parent recruitment review
Date of referral criteria and liaison review
Date of communication plan review
Date of stakeholder meeting #2
Date of written implementation plan
Date provider selected

Which Aspects are Most Influential?

- Qualitative interviews with actively implementing sites
- Encouraged bi-directional developer-agency dialogue
- Provided insights into common challenges
- Provided insights into the rigor-flexibility tension



Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Data

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Using Data to Guide Success



THE CHALLENGE

Turning Lessons Learned into Implementation Feedback and
Support Tools

TIP SHEETS

- Foster Parent Recruitment
- Referral/Eligibility Criteria



Web-Based SIC



- Developed with funding from NIMH as part of an Administrative Supplement to a larger SIC evaluation grant (Saldana, PI; R01 MH097748-S1)
- User-friendly data entry to address challenges of being data driven
- Build a Repository of SIC data across multiple practices
- Develop a method for providing feedback to improve the chance for implementation success

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Activities

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6.b - Date of first consult call: 05/11/2007

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5.b - Date PDR training held: Not Completed

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3.b - Date of staff sequence, timeline, hire plan review:
Completed, Data Unavailable



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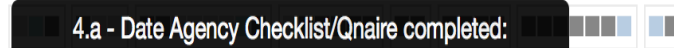
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4.a - Date Agency Checklist/Qnaire completed:
Expansion/Existing Team

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2.b - Date of first county response to first planning contact: Not Applicable

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Team: 4066



Overview

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 1

Duration of Phase 1: **288 Days****Good!**

You're on the path to success!

Probability of Serving First Client: **96%**Percent of Activities Completed in Phase 1: **77% (10/13)**

Percent of Activities Completed

- Stage 1: **100% (2/2)**
- Stage 2: **33% (1/3)**
- Stage 3: **88% (7/8)**

Phase 2

Duration of Phase 2: **356 Days****Uh Oh!**

You're moving too fast

Percent of Activities Completed in Phase 2: **47% (9/19)**

Percent of Activities Completed

- Stage 4: **33% (2/6)**
- Stage 5: **100% (2/2)**
- Stage 6: **50% (2/4)**
- Stage 7: **43% (3/7)**

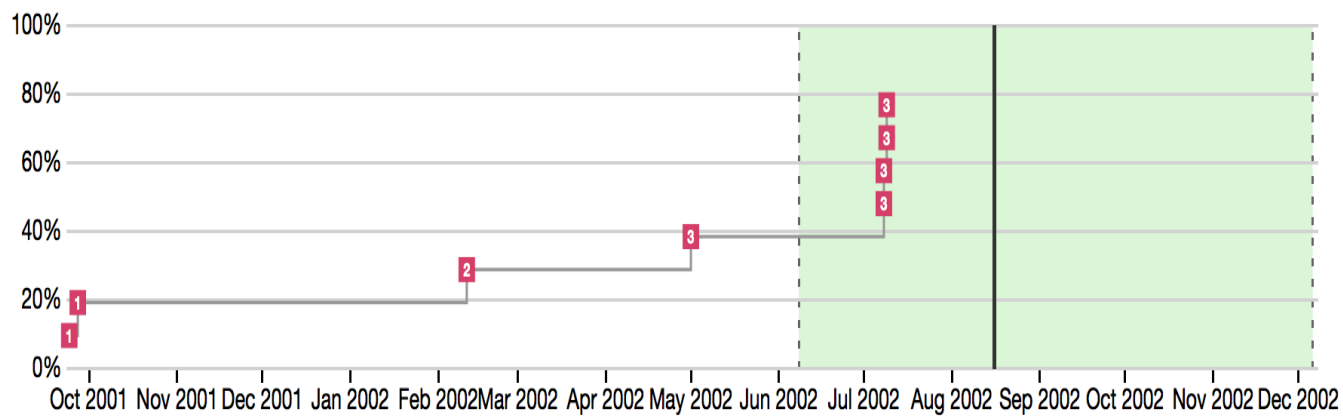
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Overview

Phase 1

Phase 2



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Summary Data

Duration of Phase 1: 288 Days

Probability of Serving First Client: 96%

Percent of Activities Completed in Phase 1: 77% (10/13)

Percent of Activities Completed

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- Stage 3: 88% (7/8)

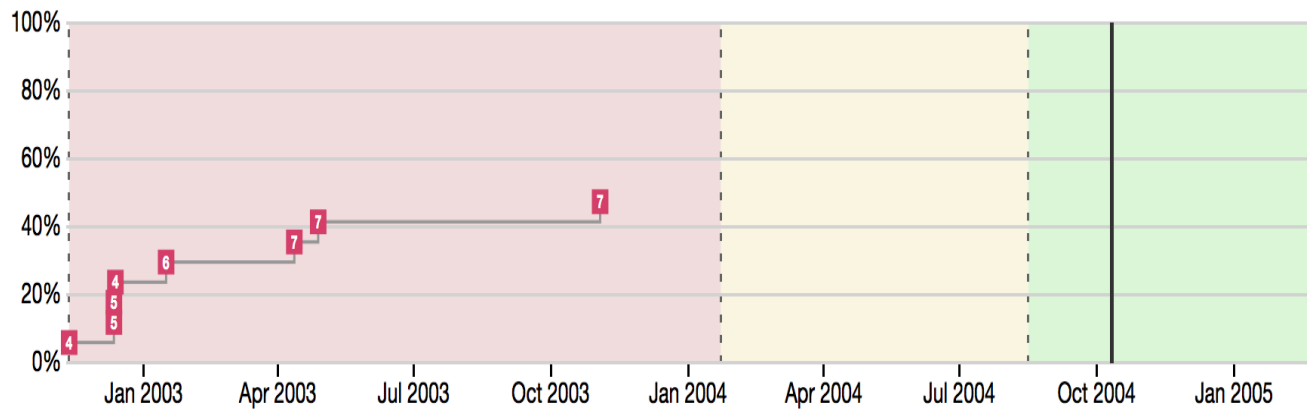
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Team: 4082



Overview

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 1

Duration of Phase 1: **191 Days****OK**

You're moving a little too fast

Probability of Serving First Client: **98%**Percent of Activities Completed in Phase 1: **85% (11/13)**

Percent of Activities Completed

- Stage 1: **100% (2/2)**
- Stage 2: **100% (3/3)**
- Stage 3: **75% (6/8)**

Phase 2

Duration of Phase 2: **801 Days****Good!**

You're on the path to success!

Percent of Activities Completed in Phase 2: **95% (18/19)**

Percent of Activities Completed

- Stage 4: **83% (5/6)**
- Stage 5: **100% (2/2)**
- Stage 6: **100% (4/4)**
- Stage 7: **100% (7/7)**

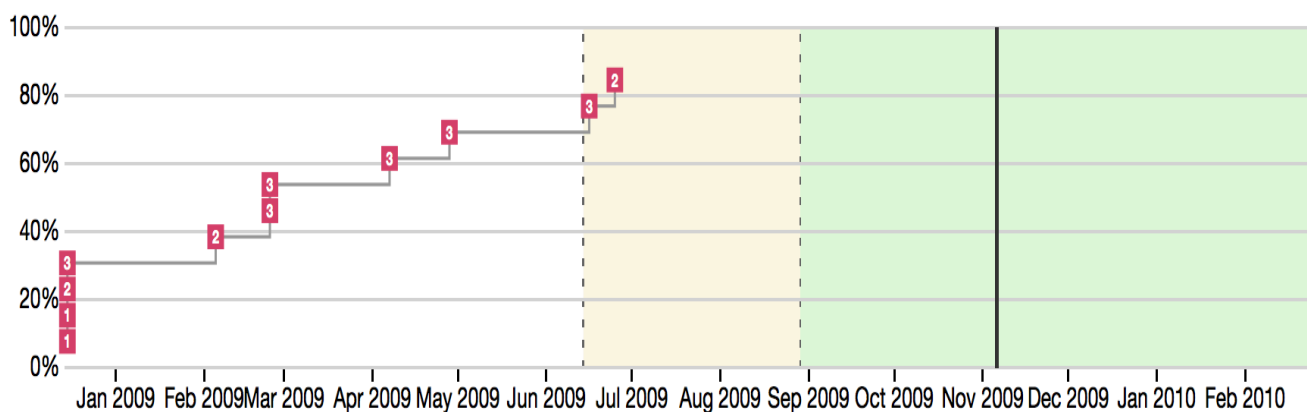
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Overview

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Phase 2



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OK

You're moving a little too fast

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- Stage 3: 75% (6/8)

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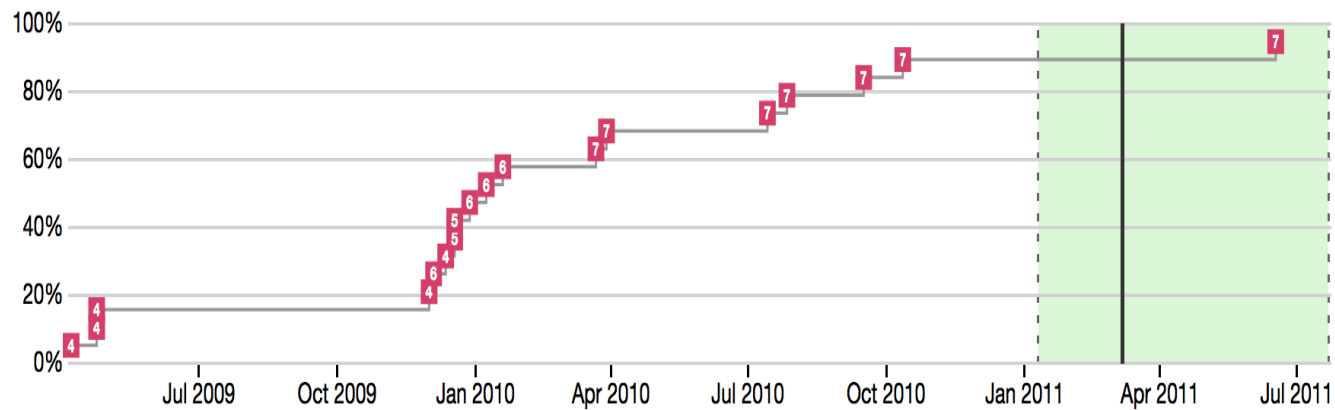
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- Stage 7: 100% (7/7)

Team: 4158



Overview

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 1

Duration of Phase 1: **639 Days****Uh Oh!**

You're moving too slow

Probability of Serving First Client: **17%**Percent of Activities Completed in Phase 1: **31% (4/13)**

Percent of Activities Completed

- Stage 1: **100% (2/2)**
- Stage 2: **33% (1/3)**
- Stage 3: **13% (1/8)**

Phase 2

Duration of Phase 2: **358 Days****Uh Oh!**

You're moving too fast

Percent of Activities Completed in Phase 2: **74% (14/19)**

Percent of Activities Completed

- Stage 4: **83% (5/6)**
- Stage 5: **50% (1/2)**
- Stage 6: **100% (4/4)**
- Stage 7: **57% (4/7)**

Enhancing Consultation



Name	Activities	Duration	Feedback	Practice
4153		Phase 2 530		TFCO
4154		Phase 2 472		TFCO
4155		Phase 2 1005		TFCO
4156		Phase 2 143		TFCO
4157		Phase 2 339		TFCO
4158		Phase 2 358		TFCO
4159		Phase 2 431		TFCO
4160		Phase 2 45		TFCO

Combining Implementation and Program Delivery Data

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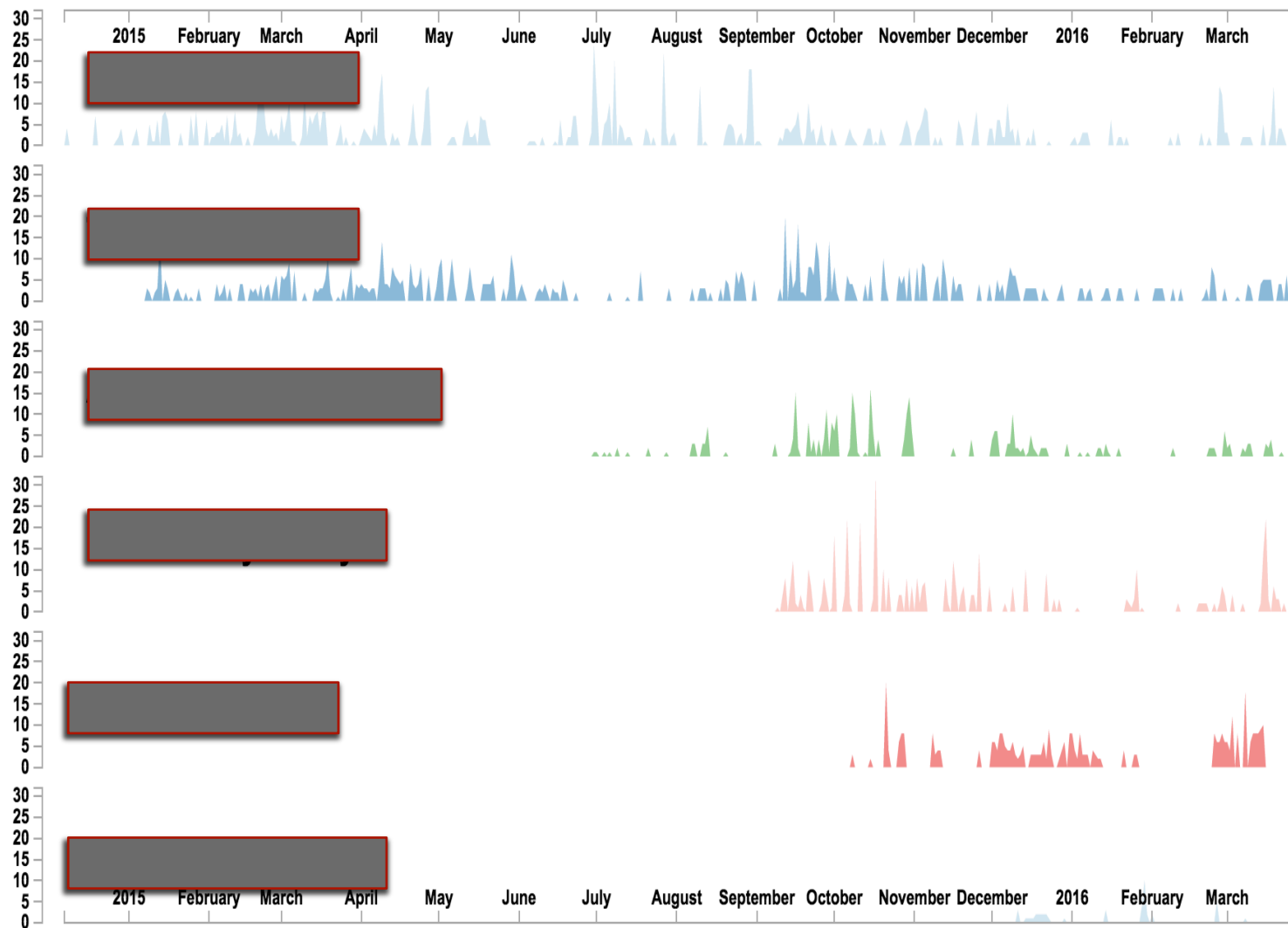
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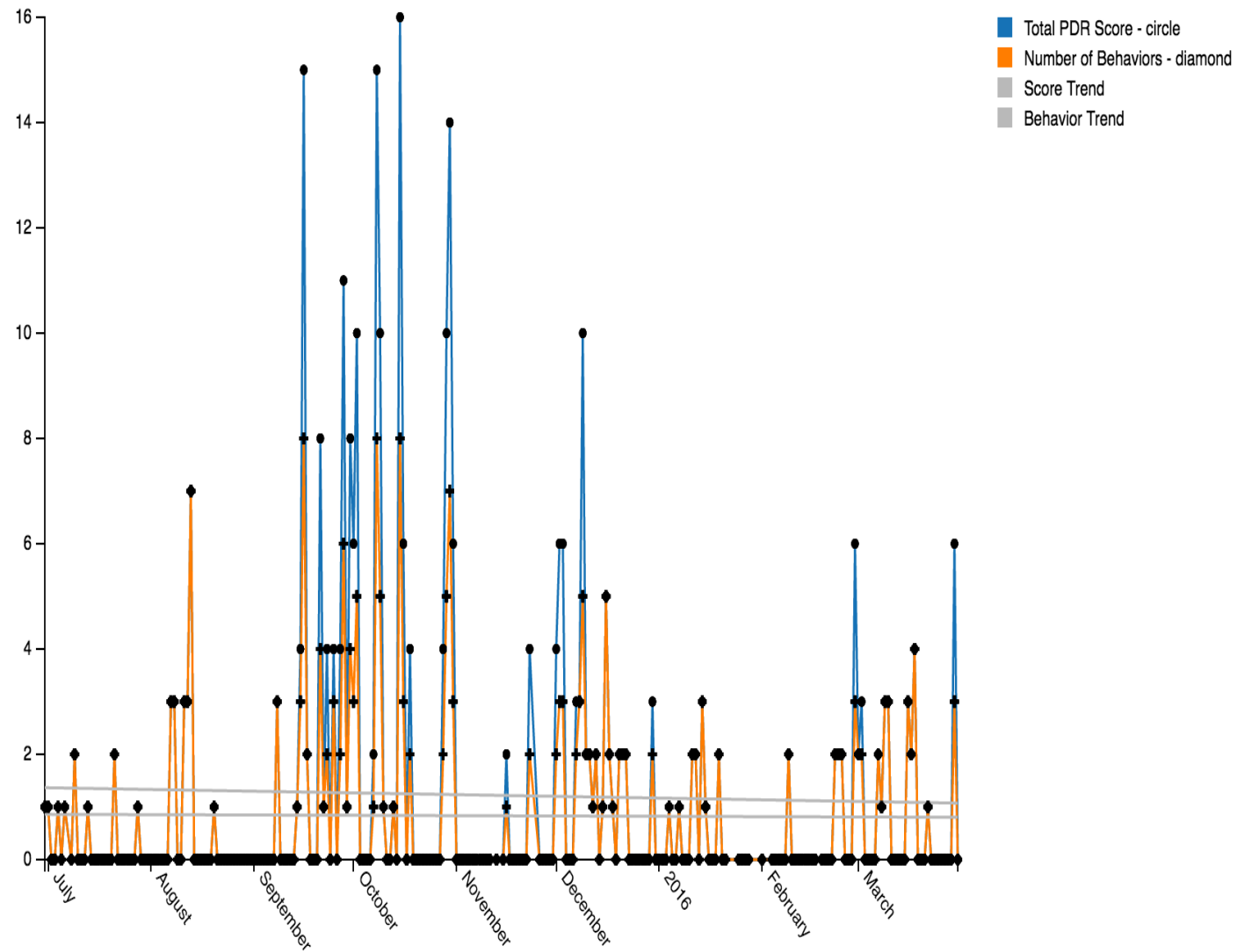
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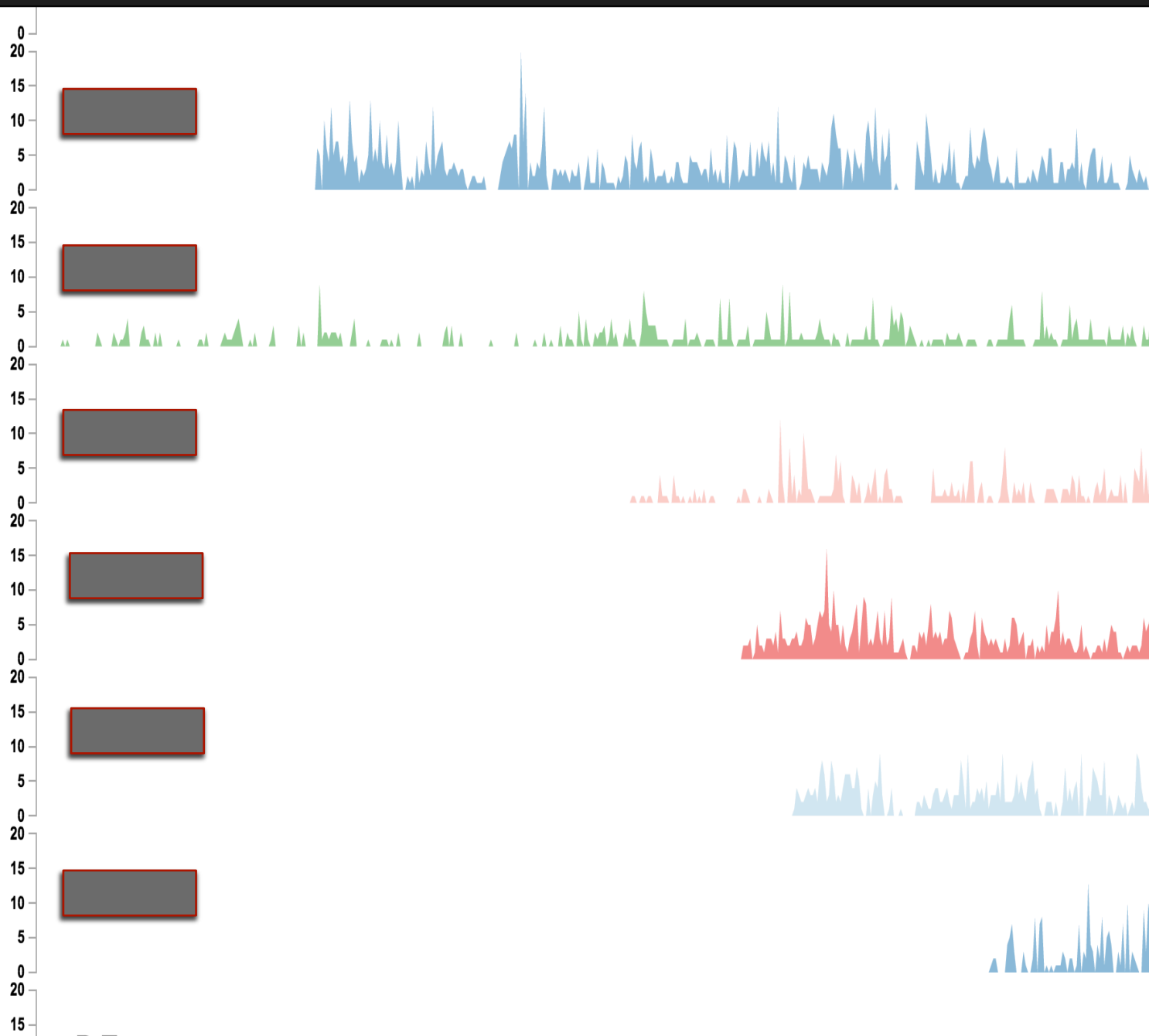
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George Jackson	11	7 to 11	Male	21-Oct-2014	22-Oct-2014	24 / 537 4%	15 / 24 62%	Add Interview
Jack O	5	3 to 6	Male	03-Nov-2015		0 / 159 0%	0 / 0 0%	Add Interview
Jane Doe	13	12 to 18	Female	21-Oct-2014	22-Oct-2014	42 / 537 8%	17 / 42 40%	Add Interview
Jorge G	9	3 to 6	Male	21-Oct-2014	22-Oct-2014	4 / 537 1%	2 / 4 50%	Add Interview
Lady G	15	12 to 18	Male	07-Nov-2014	09-Nov-2014	3 / 520 1%	2 / 3 67%	Add Interview
Sally Sue	14	12 to 18	Female	01-Dec-2014	10-Dec-2014	1 / 496 0%	1 / 1 100%	Add Interview
Why Owwhy	11	12 to 18	Female	03-Feb-2015	04-Feb-2015	1 / 432 0%	1 / 1 100%	Add Interview
pink water	14	12 to 18	Female	29-Mar-2016		0 / 12 0%	0 / 0 0%	Add Interview

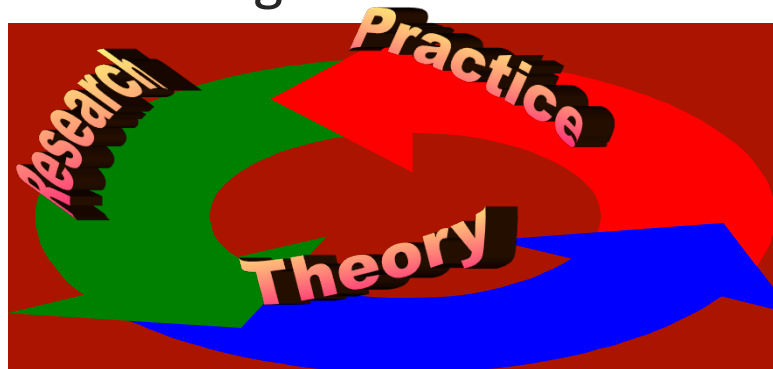






Future Directions

- Develop a protocol for using the implementation feedback system
- Evaluate the effectiveness of implementation feedback
 - In TFCO
 - Equally effective across EBPs?
- If demonstrated to be effective, then ultimately another implementation challenge



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