

## Special Session – #EIE2021

### Adaptation versus Customization of the Stages of Implementation Completion

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This session will build on previous experience with and outcomes from the Stages of Implementation Completion (SIC) measure and outline the adaptation or customization process that new practices can undergo to utilize the SIC to inform their implementation.

The Stages of Implementation Completion (SIC), an observational tool to follow/measure the implementation progress of research-supported interventions, from Engagement (Stage 1) to development of Competency (Stage 8). The SIC was developed to assess sites' implementation process behaviour and obtainment of milestones. The tool maps onto three phases of implementation: pre-implementation, implementation, and sustainment. The SIC yields three scores: (1) Proportion, (2) Duration, and (3) Final Stage.

Now adapted or customized for over 55 programs implemented in the real-world (e.g., Treatment Foster Care Oregon; Multidimensional Family Therapy; Coping Cat; Multisystemic Therapy), the research aim is to leverage this unique data source to advance knowledge of successful implementation behaviour.

#### *Key findings*

A standardized SIC customization or adaptation process has been developed. This special session will focus on the pros and cons to choosing **customization of the universal SIC** versus an **individually tailored adaptation**. Considerations for a rigorous operationalization process will be presented including key activities that have been shown across all implementations to be essential to success.

#### *Discussion*

- How can the facilitation of implementation fidelity help promote successful implementation and sustainment?
- What are the essential components and implementation strategies to conducting quality implementation?

#### *Highlights*

- Implementation Science can provide standardized approaches to help move science into practice.
- Observation of implementation process behaviour allows for opportunities to facilitate an efficient and effective adoption of EBP, and to use data to inform decision-makers.