

## Fishbowl 3 - EIE2023

### #103- Time to Reimagine Implementation Science: Thirty Years of Paradigmatic Limits Is Long Enough

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#### Your big implementation topic

Implementation science as it pertains to mental health concerns has implicitly committed itself to the paradigm of evidence-based intervention, with the principle endeavors of implementation science having quickly narrowed on studies of how to implement specific manualized programs, often one at a time. Robust models in such diverse areas as public health, informatics, ontologies, decision support, and dynamic systems point to strategies that could be leveraged now to yield a better return on more than 50 years of investments in intervention and prevention science. It is time to rethink our approach.

#### Key issues to discuss

- How has the tethering of implementation science to evidence-based programs affected the development of the implementation science as a field over the past 30 years?
- Do the frameworks and strategies currently offered by implementation science give us anything that can be effectively and sustainably used across diverse service settings?
- If we are to reimagine how we conceptualize intervention science, where should we set our sights and where should we invest our efforts?
- What structural, organizational, political, or institutional barriers will get in the way of paradigmatic innovation?

#### Target audience

Anyone from the professional community who is interested in improving the public social impact of the science of mental and behavioral health, whether through research, policy, or practice; and, secondarily, anyone simply wishing to live in a world with healthier families and stronger communities through humanity's collective investments in science.

#### Active audience involvement

We will encourage participation using a stuffed animal (fish) to be tossed among participants as a prompt. Our facilitator will monitor for diverse representation and will break in (take and toss) at any time as appropriate. Prompted speakers have a minimum of one word and maximum of one minute.