Emerging Trends and Issues in Incorporating Pay for Success/Social Impact Bonds to Increase Collective Impact of Prevention Programming

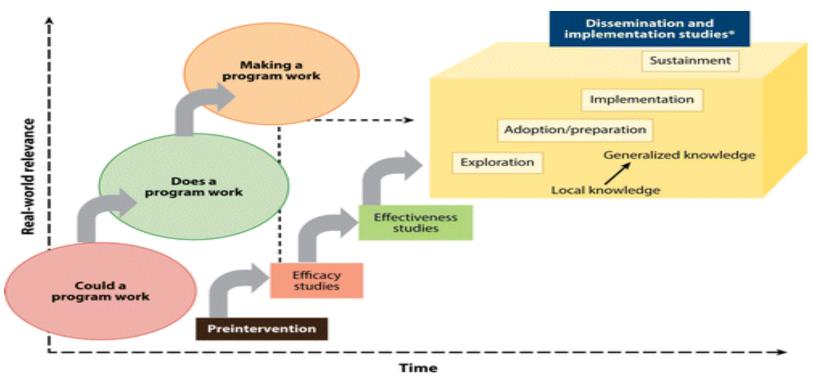
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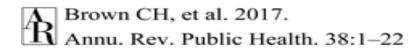
Outline

- Problem Statement: The implementation and dissemination gap
- 2. Core challenges preventing the large scale adoption of evidence-based programs
- 3. Introduction of Pay for Success (PFS)/Social Impact Bonds (SIB)
- 4. PFS/SIB as a possible solution to alleviate core challenges
- 5. Concluding remarks

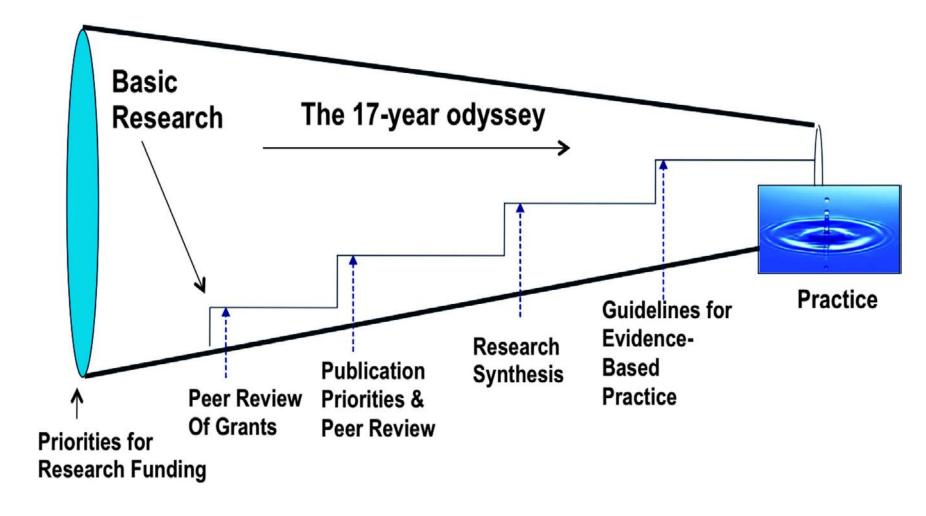
Stages of the traditional translational pipeline



*These dissemination and implementation stages include systematic monitoring, evaluation, and adaptation as required.



The Implementation Gap



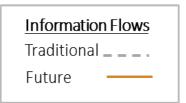
Influential Factors for the Gap

- Adherence to a sequential program development and evaluation design
- Translation:
 - Research implications are often times no appropriately translated for practitioner audiences
- Funding:
 - Insufficient and time limited funding for prevention programming
- Project design and characteristics:
 - Limited involvement of local stakeholders as champions
- Organizational setting:
 - Limited organizational capacity
- Broader community environment:
 - Limited engagement with and support from external community stakeholders

Pay for Success (PFS)/Social Impact Bond (SIB)



Delivered with visibility into indicators & outcomes, enabling dynamic adjustment and continuous improvement



"Pay for Success" (PFS) and "Social Impact Bonds" are tools to accelerate outcomes-oriented contracting



Pay for Success is a form of performance-based contracting where an entity (often a government) agrees to pay for outcomes achieved (rather than on a traditional fee for service basis).

Core elements of Pay for Success:

- A clearly defined target population experiencing adverse social outcomes
- An intervention that can improve the selected outcomes for the target population
- Rigorous evaluation of intervention's impact on the selected outcomes
- Payments linked to performance on the selected outcomes



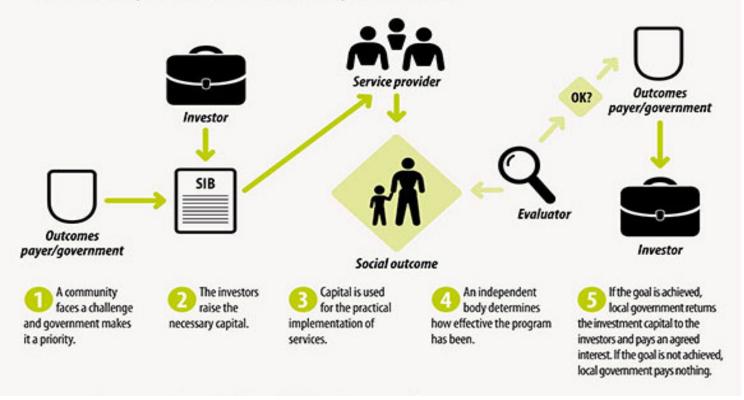
3rd **Party Funding** (often philanthropic) is a way to bridge timing gap between government payments and the upfront capital needed to run PFS programs.

- Financing is also referred to as "Social Impact Bonds"
- Not a requirement for a PFS project

Pay for Success/Social Impact Bonds

Impact investing: SIB model

One of the impact investing instruments is the Social Impact Bond (SIB). In SIB, the investor bears all the financial risks and the public sector pays only for the proven outcomes. The investment capital raised is used to promote the achievement of specific outcomes.



PFS/SIBs are going mainstream around the world



Are PFS/SIBs making an impact?

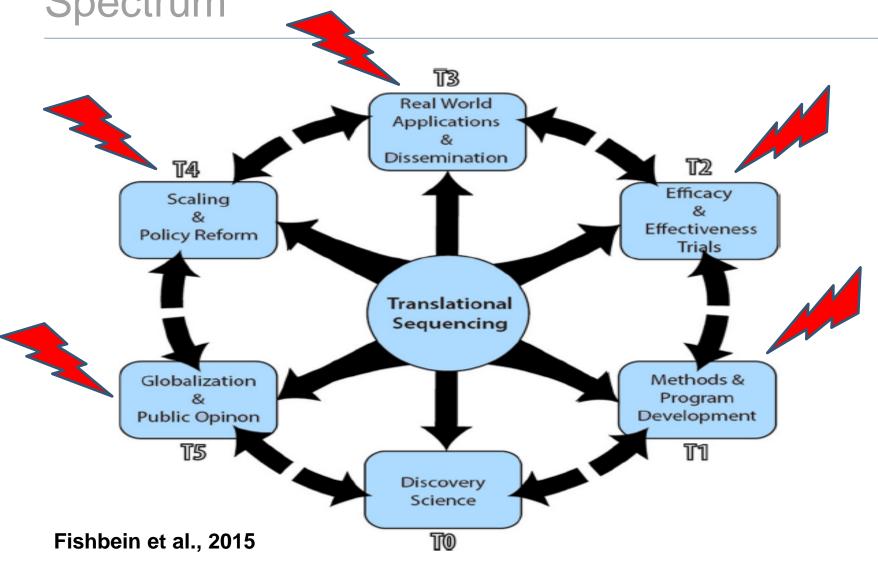


"My question is: Are we making an impact?"

Current PFS/SIB Challenges

- <u>Selection Challenge</u>: Intermediary organization (IO) do not use standardized tools and processes to assess organizational readiness and capacity for quality program implementation.
- <u>Inclusion Challenge</u>: Communities and organizations with less experience, capacity, and infrastructure (factors that might be part of a cursory review during selection) often do not have a competitive edge in competing for PFS funding.
- <u>Going-to-Scale Challenge</u>: Lessons learned may not be representative of other organizations and communities that are under-resourced and could benefit the most from PFS.

Situating PFS/SIB in the Translational Spectrum



PFS/SIB Strategies to Address Barriers to Scaling

Barrier	PFS Strategies
Lack of sustainable funding	Increase in private funding for welfare programs which helps to scale effective innovations more quickly
Project design and characteristics	Pilot testing interventions to make contextual corrections and adaptations (evidence-based and promising program)
Organizational Setting Factors	Capacity Readiness Assessments to focus Training/Technical Assistance Provision
Broader Community Environment	Co-operation across sectors (i.e., business, philanthropic, government, citizens) leading to alignment of all stakeholders and advocacy building

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