

EDC School, Community, & Evaluation Services for SAMHSA's 2026 GLS NOFO

Services Overview & Drop-In Session

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1958

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300+

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80 + 50

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Suicide Prevention Portfolio



**Zero Suicide – in
Health and Behavioral
Healthcare**



**Multi-Tiered
Suicide Prevention
for Schools**



**Community-Led
Suicide Prevention**



EDC Solutions Evaluation Services

Overview of MTSP



Multi-Tiered Suicide Prevention for Schools (MTSP)

School suicide prevention is most effective when it brings together a variety of prevention strategies to prevent student distress, support for young people who are struggling, and care for the school community after a loss.

Effective school-based suicide prevention includes a multi-tiered, systems-wide approach with 6 key components.



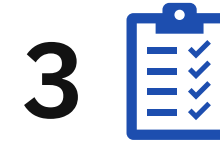
6 Key Suicide Prevention Components for School Systems



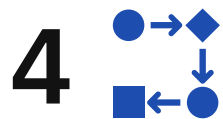
1
Engaging Key School Community Members



2
Developing Community Partnerships



3
Written Policies & Protocols for Helping Students Who are At Risk for Suicide



4
Written Policies & Protocols for After a Death by Suicide



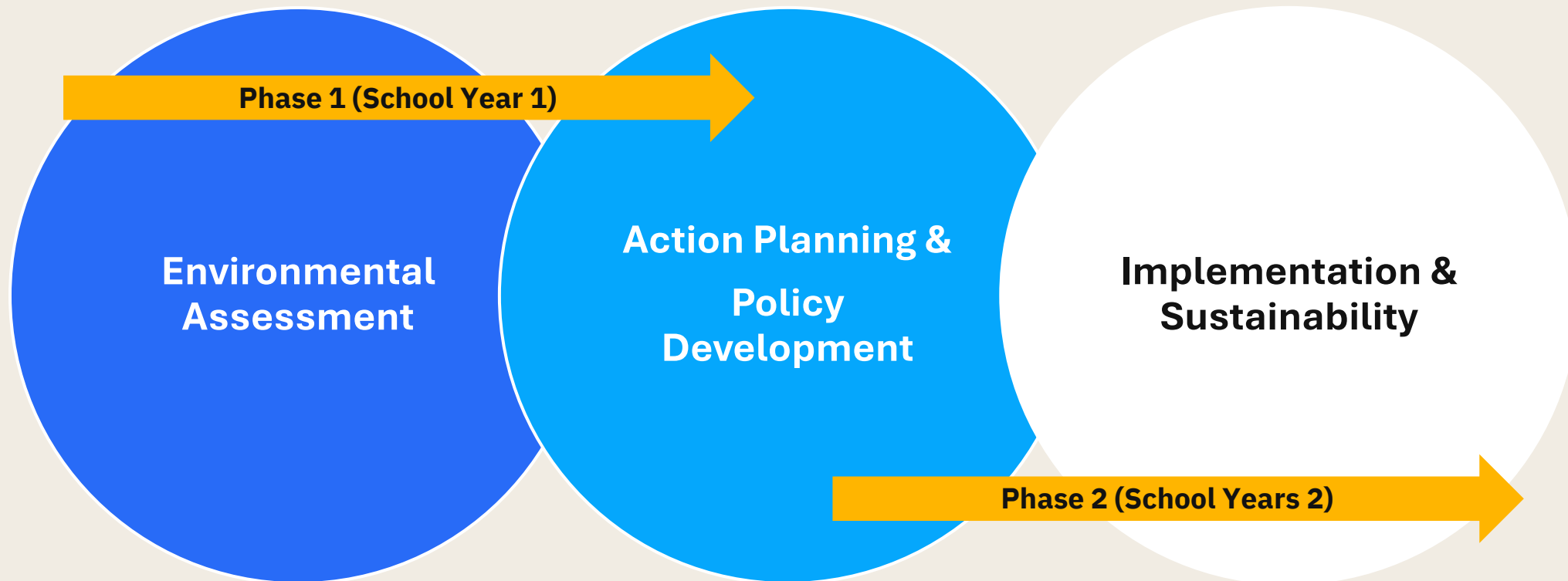
5
Identification & Support of Students Who are At Increased Risk for Suicide



6
Promoting Protective Factors

How it Works: Systems Change in Schools

2 Phases Focused on Planning, Implementation, & Sustainability



How it Works: Systems Change in Schools

Technical Assistance (TA)

Focused on Planning, Implementation, & Sustainability

District Team

- Superintendents/ Assistant Supt.
- School Leaders & Directors
- Counselors
- Social Workers
- Clinicians
- Teachers
- Support Staff
- Students
- Families
- Board Members

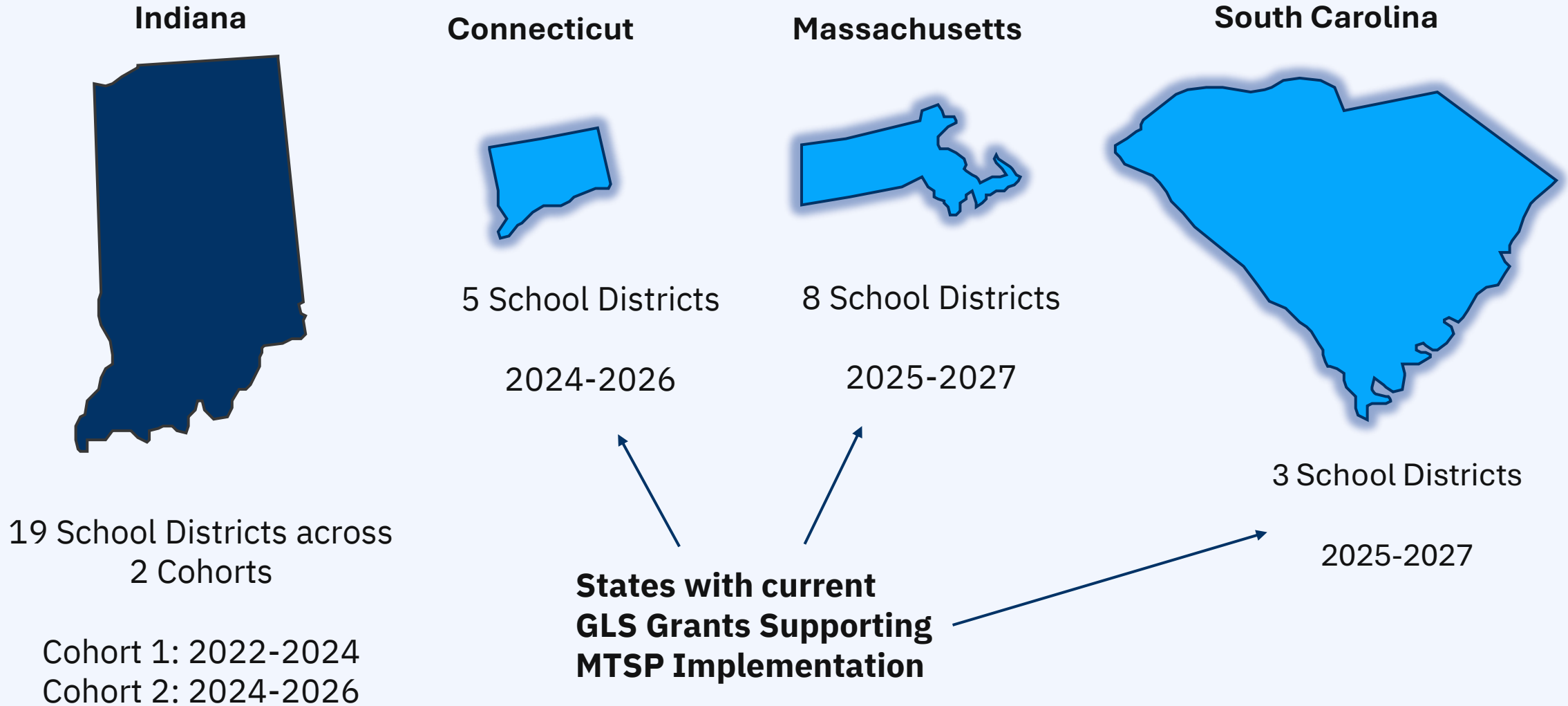
Learning Events

- Kickoff Event
- 8 community workshops focused on suicide prevention components
- Acquire knowledge and skills around suicide prevention in schools
- Engage in strategic planning, implementation, policy making
- Build supportive relationships

Coaching & Facilitation

- Site Visits
- Monthly 1-1 Calls
- Analyze & apply assessment data
- Strategic planning guidance
- Ongoing technical assistance for each team
- Aligning school efforts with state guidance & priorities
- Facilitating community linkages
- Building sustainable capacity

Where has MTSP been implemented?



MTSP Deliverables

MTSP deliverables support K12 school districts in launching and strengthening suicide prevention efforts that align with multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS).

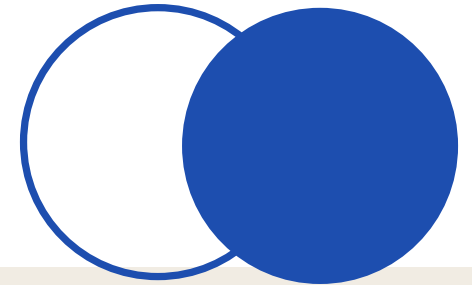
- **Deliverables Include:**

- In-Person or virtual Kickoff workshops focused on providing foundational training in comprehensive, school suicide prevention
- Environmental Assessment data collection, analysis, reporting and individualized support in interpreting and applying results
- Action Planning & Implementation focused on supporting districts in developing multi-tiered approaches to school suicide prevention
- Community of Practice Workshops which bring multiple districts together for collaborative learning focused on EDC's 6 key components of school suicide prevention
- Individualized technical assistance focused on supporting individual schools in their MTSP assessment, action planning, implementation, and sustainability planning processes



MTSP Alignment with [SAMHSA NOFO No. SM-26-010](#)

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- **Direct alignment with *Required Activities 1-6 of 2026 GLS NOFO***
 1. MTSP provides data, technical assistance, and best practices relevant to suicide risk screenings in K12 districts
 2. MTSP guides K12 districts in developing and implementing evidence-informed suicide risk response protocols
 3. MTSP supports K12 districts in identifying and partnering with community non-profits and service providers in suicide prevention
 4. MTSP provides direct training and skill development to K12 staff from a variety of roles
 5. MTSP supports districts in developing standard practices for supporting families of youth who are at risk for suicide, including dissemination of resources
 6. MTSP provides K12 assessment and evaluation data that can inform grant reporting requirements
- **Direct alignment with *Allowable Activities 4 & 5 of 2026 GLS NOFO***
 4. MTSP guides K12 districts in developing and implementing evidence-informed postvention protocols
 5. MTSP guides K12 districts in incorporating student, family, and community partner voice in suicide prevention efforts

Q & A

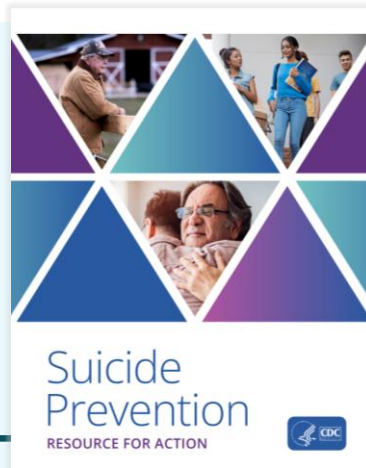
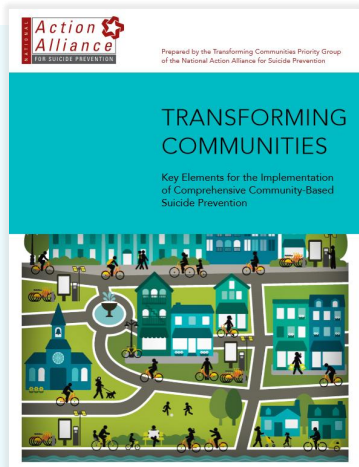


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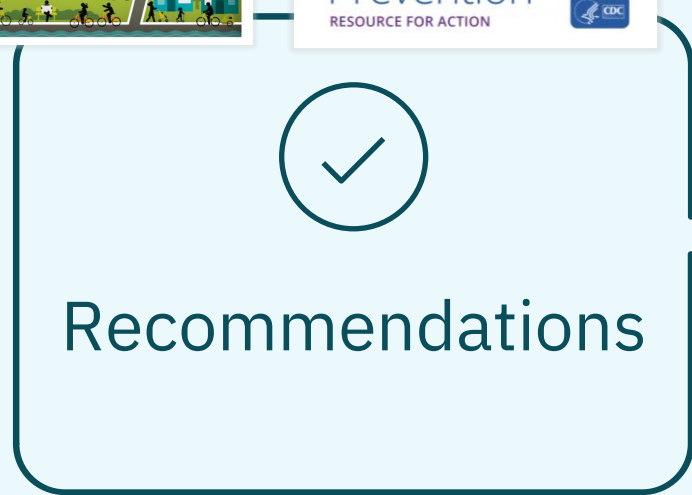
Community-Led Suicide Prevention (CLSP)



CLSP Helps Advance the *Transforming Communities* Report and CDC's *Suicide Prevention Resource for Action*



<https://communitysuicideprevention.org/>



CLSP web-based toolkit is designed to help move from high-level recommendations to specific **“how to”** information and resources that support **real-world practice**.

7 Key Elements for Comprehensive Community-Led Suicide Prevention



Unity



Planning



Integration



Sustainability



Data



Fit



Communication



TOOLKIT
7 ELEMENTS



Adapted from the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention's report: *Transforming Communities: Key Elements for Implementation of Comprehensive Community-Based Suicide Prevention*

CLSP Toolkit



Free resource for any community member seeking to advance local suicide prevention efforts

➔ communitysuicideprevention.org

Practical Information

- Examples, how-to steps, and tools
- Plain language for community and lay audiences
 - Can be used by communities and professionals who work with community coalitions

Resource Hub

- Provides resources that are:
 - Easy to access and use
 - Suicide-specific OR public-health specific
 - Curated specifically for community suicide prevention

Where have CLSP services been implemented?

Missouri



14 Community Groups

Connecticut



5 Community Groups

Massachusetts



11 Community Groups

Utah



5 Community Groups

Texas



7 Organizations

***Funding from State,
NSSP, GLS, and CDC
Grant Opportunities***

CLSP Technical Assistance & Services



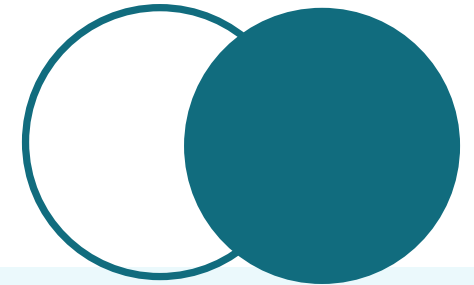
**Community-Led
Suicide Prevention**

- **CLSP services support community coalitions, workgroups, or other convening bodies in launching or strengthening local suicide prevention efforts**
- **Services Include:**
 - In-Person or virtual workshops focused on understanding and applying the CLSP Toolkit to local efforts
 - Virtual Community of Practice webinars designed to facilitate collaborative networking and development of CLSP's suicide prevention elements
 - Intensive, tailored technical assistance focused on learning and responding to individual communities' unique suicide prevention needs



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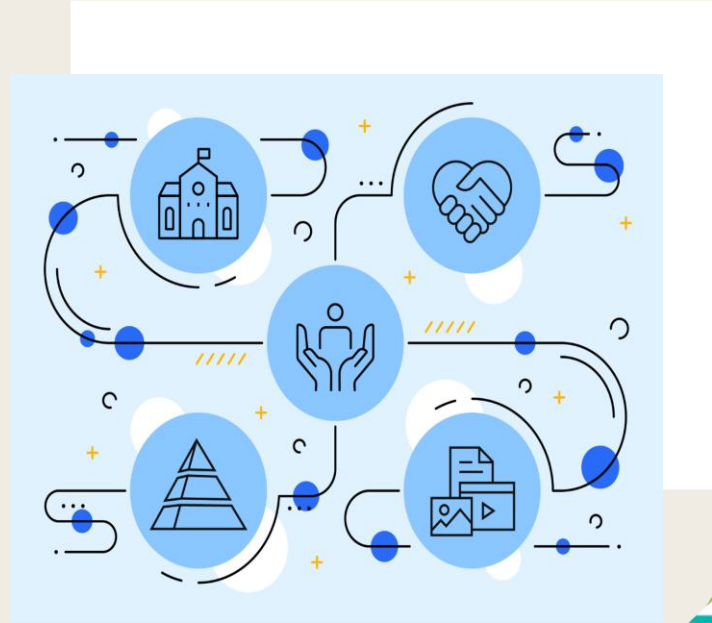


- **Direct alignment with *Required Activities 2-6 of 2026 GLS NOFO***
 2. CLSP guides communities in developing and strengthening community linkages essential for strong suicide risk response referral and support processes across partners
 3. CLSP supports communities in partnering across settings and sectors to address risk and protective factors for suicide
 4. CLSP provides direct training and skill development to staff working with youth across settings and sectors in the community
 5. CLSP helps communities be better prepared to support families of youth who are at risk for suicide, including dissemination of resources from across national, state, and local partners
 6. CLSP provides assessment and evaluation data that can inform grant evaluation efforts
- **Direct alignment with *Allowable Activities 3 & 5 of 2026 GLS NOFO***
 3. CLSP guides communities in developing and implementing evidence-informed communication campaigns
 5. CLSP guides communities in developing and sustaining coalitions that can incorporate student, family, and community partner voice in suicide prevention efforts

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Overview of EDC Evaluation Services



Supporting Continuous Improvement, Impact Measurement & Grant Reporting

EDC provides evaluation and data support services to schools, communities, healthcare systems, and state agencies implementing suicide prevention and mental health initiatives.

- **Our evaluation services are designed to:**
 - Support meaningful, usable evaluation
 - Reduce burden on participating sites and respondents
 - Strengthen data-informed decision making
 - Meet federal and state reporting requirements
 - Demonstrate impact and sustainability



Evaluation Planning & Data Infrastructure

EDC partners with grantees to design practical, actionable evaluation plans that align with project goals and reporting requirements.

- **Services include:**

- Logic model and theory of change development
- Evaluation design and implementation planning
- Identification of measurable outcomes and indicators
- Selection/adaptation of quantitative and qualitative measures
- Development of data collection tools and protocols
- Data infrastructure and tracking system development
- Alignment with GLS/SPARS reporting requirements



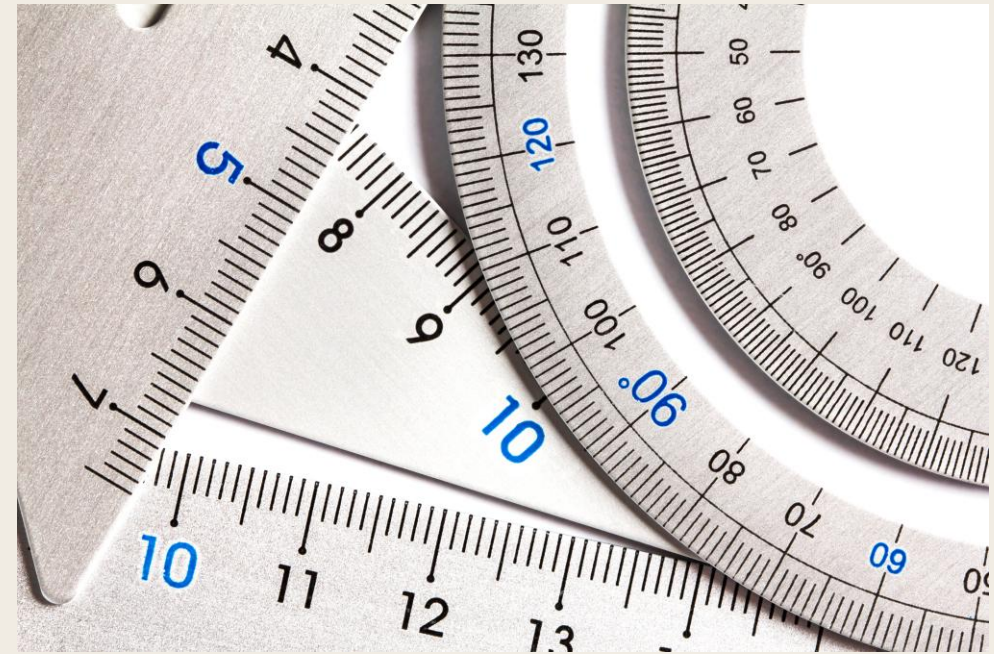
Focus: Feasible and sustainable data collection, clear linkages between activities and outcomes, and continuous quality improvement (CQI)

Data Collection and Analysis

EDC supports rigorous yet practical approaches to collecting and interpreting data.

Data Collection Approaches:

- Surveys and questionnaires
- Interviews and focus groups
- Environmental assessments
- Administrative and implementation data
- Training and participation tracking
- Community and stakeholder feedback



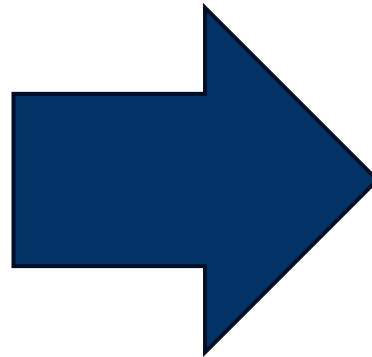
Our Data Collection and Analysis Approach

Approach

Minimize burden on participants and staff

Use contextually responsive and trauma-informed practices

Collect actionable data that informs decision making



Results

Implementation monitoring

Outcome and impact analysis

Identification of strengths, gaps, and trends

Data visualization and interpretation

Continuous quality improvement support

Reporting, Communication, & Technical Assistance

EDC helps grantees translate data into meaningful reporting and action.

Reporting Support Includes:

- SPARS and grant reporting assistance
- Development of summary reports and dashboards
- Data visualizations and presentations
- Stakeholder-facing communication materials
- Executive summaries for leadership and partners

Goal: Help organizations use evaluation not only for compliance — but to improve services, strengthen partnerships, and demonstrate impact.



Q & A



Thank you

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**Interested in learning more or connecting?
Contact us to setup a meeting!**

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