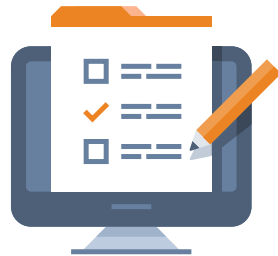


# Progress Points

## NATIONAL DESCRIPTIVE STUDY

**The first round of data collection for the National Descriptive Study, the Early Implementation Study, gathered information from grant recipients about their program plans.** The findings are summarized in [four short documents](#)—three briefs on Title V State grant recipient plans, Competitive and General Departmental grant recipient plans, and grant recipients' plans to support implementation; and a data snapshot on serving youth in out of home care settings.

These documents are available on the [SRAENE website](#). After reading, please take a moment to provide your feedback on the usefulness of the information by answering the prompt on the website for whether the resource was helpful. We also encourage you to revisit prior materials you have reviewed on our website and provide us with your feedback by responding to prompts.



SRAENE has three distinct activities. One is the **National Descriptive Study**, which describes the implementation of programs funded by SRAE grants. We thank the grantees that were active in summer 2020 and completed the Early Implementation Study survey as part of this effort. The second activity is the **Program Components Impact Study**. We will use a systematic and rigorous approach to test and improve the components of programs without focusing on the programs in their entirety. The third is **Data and Evaluation Support** to help grantees build their capacity to use data and research to improve their programs and support grantees conducting their own evaluations.

adjust. Recently, you completed a web-based interview with our team, providing us with more information on changes to your program plans and your organization due to the pandemic. We look forward to sharing these results with you as soon as they are available.

## ADJUSTMENTS TO PROGRAMMING DURING THE PANDEMIC

**Thank you for your participation in two surveys related to providing programming during the pandemic.** In November 2020, you answered a brief web survey about the extent to which you would be able to serve youth during the 2020-2021 school year and how program plans had to



## PROGRAM COMPONENTS STUDY

**The program components study will focus on two distinct strategies to improve the facilitation of your programs.** The first strategy focuses on training facilitators to use co-regulation strategies that aim to support youth with developing their self-regulation skills. The second uses factors that have

been shown to delay sexual initiation to help facilitators engage in discussions with youth to encourage their commitment to sexual delay. Our team currently is piloting both of these strategies with a small number of recipients. We held virtual trainings in January and will meet regularly with the participating facilitators to understand how they are implementing these strategies with their programs. We look forward to sharing these strategies with all of you—stay tuned!

## SUPPORTING CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS

**Last year, several grant recipients worked with coaches from our team to develop and implement a continuous quality improvement (CQI) plan.** The goal of this small effort was for recipients to identify and address an implementation challenge using CQI and for our team to develop resources that recipients can use when conducting internal CQI efforts. We thank those of you who participated in the pilot and provided input on the tools! <sup>1</sup> We wrote a brief describing the pilot activities and outcomes, and used input from the participating recipients to create a self-assessment tool and template for supporting program improvement efforts. You can find these CQI resources on [our website](#).

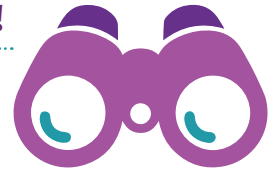


## IMPROVING LOCAL EVALUATIONS

**In late February 2022, the SRAENE team hosted a [webinar](#) on conducting high quality implementation evaluations.** We then invited interested grant recipients to work closely with us to plan and implement their own rigorous and systematic implementation evaluation. The participating grantees are Clarity of South Central Indiana, Family Wellness Outreach Center of Georgia, and Beyond Visions Foundation, Inc. If you are planning or conducting an implementation evaluation and interested in learning more about support available from SRAENE, email us at [sraeta@mathematica-mpr.com](mailto:sraeta@mathematica-mpr.com).

## BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

**SRAENE is releasing short, animated videos on a range of topics related to improving the quality of the data you collect on your grant programs.** Videos will cover topics such as the importance of objectivity in data collection; best practices for in-person and virtual data collection; strategies to conduct observations, interviews, or focus groups; and how to obtain high response rates in follow-up data. Check out [our first video here!](#)



<sup>1</sup> Eight recipients volunteered to be part of the pilot, including Ambassadors for Christ, Change Happens, Social Innovation Lab, Minnesota Dept. of Health, FLON (Future Leaders Outreach Network), Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area, Westcare Pacific Islands, Another Choice, Another Change.