

Promising Practices Of the Safe Start Initiative: A First Look

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Introduction

Purpose of the study

Definition of promising practice

- Preliminary evidence of effectiveness in specific interventions, practices, or activities;
- Successful use in at least one of the Safe Start Initiative organizations;
- The potential for replication; and
- An improvement over previous practices.

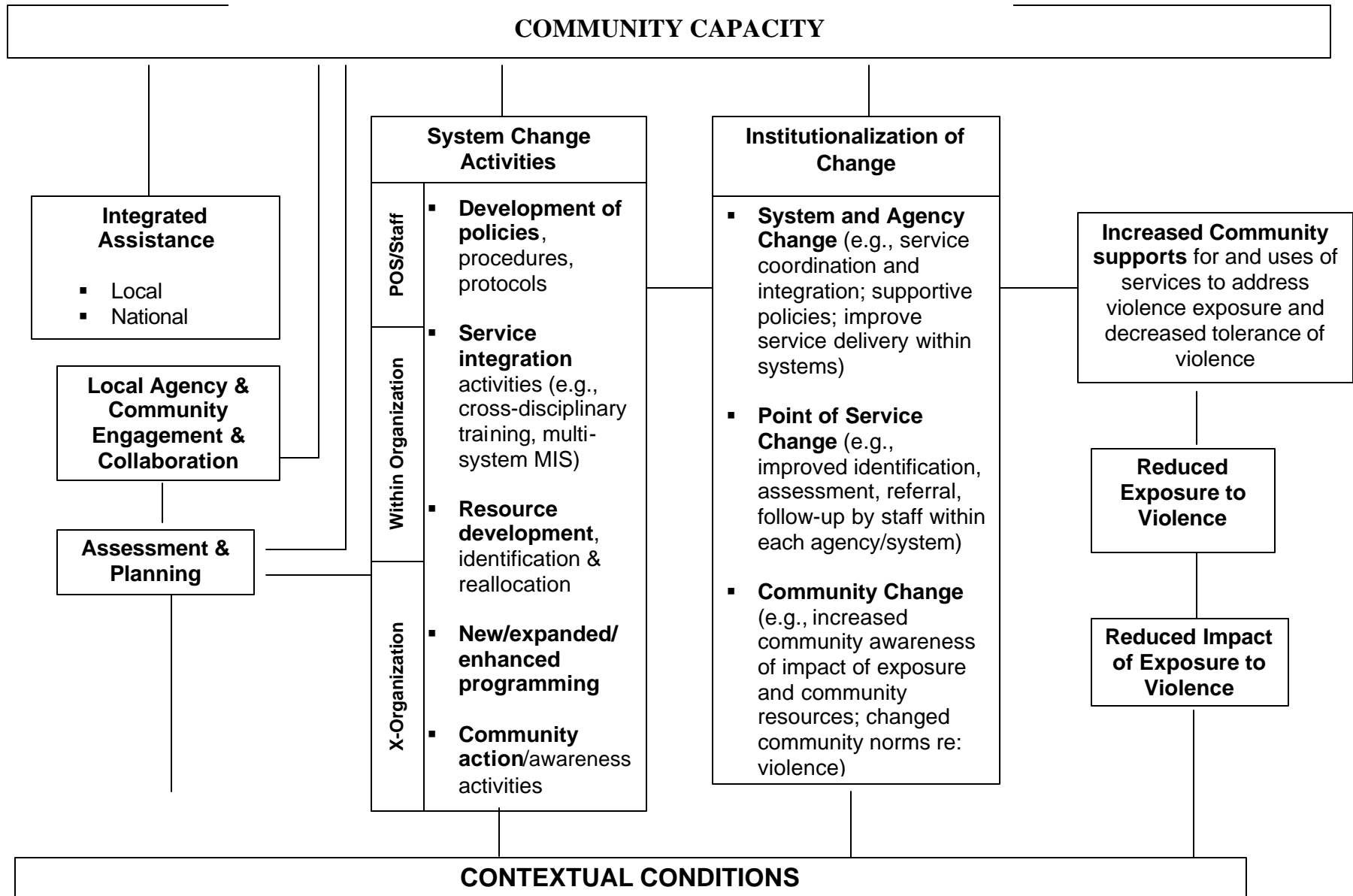


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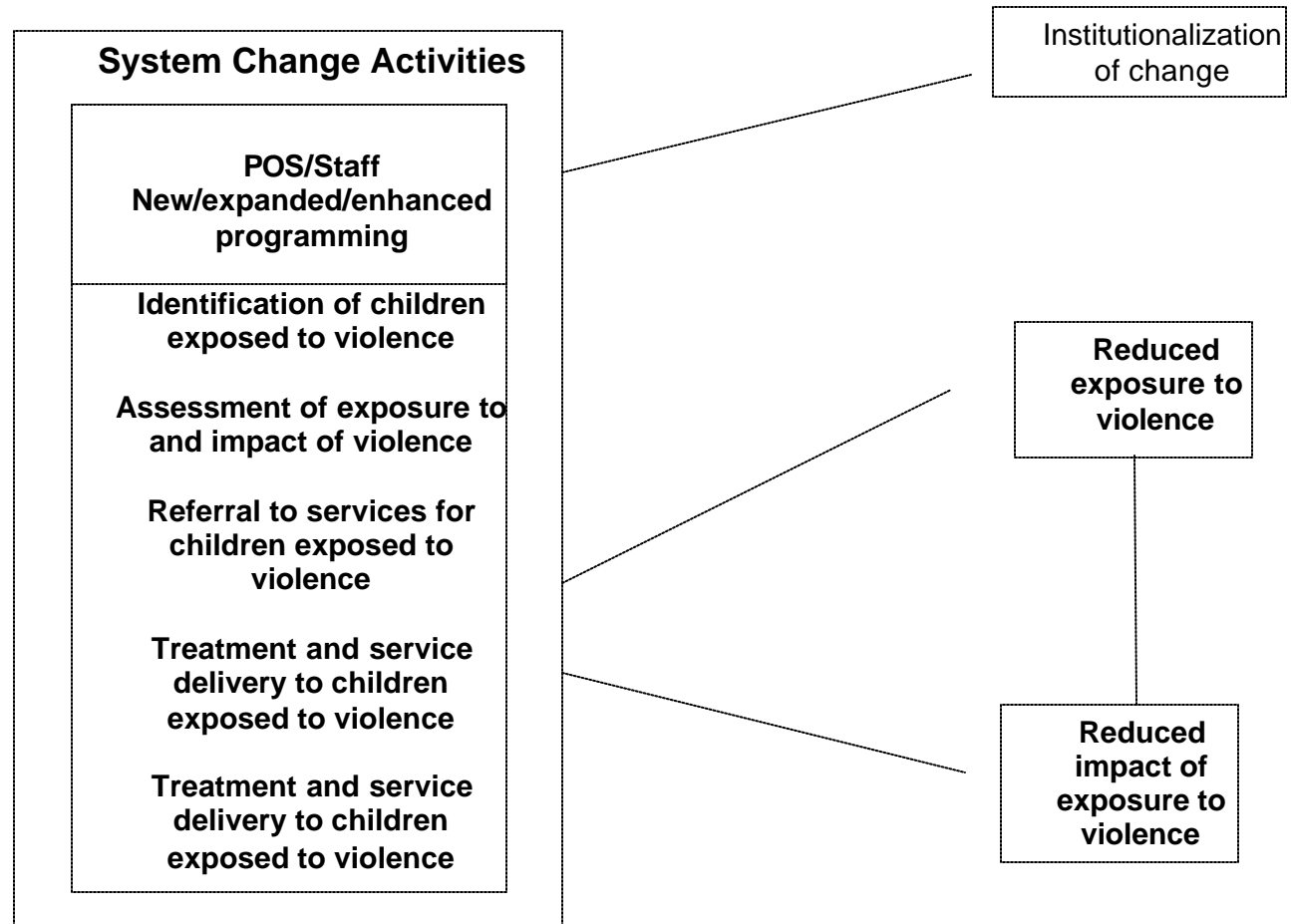
- Review of site documents;
- Extraction of pertinent information;
- Confirmation of information, collection of further data, and clarification;
- Entry of the information into the Promising Practices Data Matrix; and
- Selection of Promising Practices.



Safe Start Overall Logic Model



Safe Start Enhanced Intervention Logic Model



Local Agency and Community Engagement and Collaboration

Examples:

- Using native cultural traditions to address difficult topics
- Understanding and engaging law enforcement agencies



Development of Policies, Procedures, and Protocols

Examples:

- Coordinating training for mandated reporters
- Using Safe Start referral rates as a measure of training needs for law enforcement officers



Service Integration

Example:

- Working with female inmates



Resource Development

Example:

- Taking advantage of existing capacities and “brand-naming” Safe Start



Community Awareness

Example:

- Conducting community forums, events, and conferences to publicize Safe Start



Identification of Children Exposed to Violence

Example:

- Placing a social worker in the Sheriff's Department



Assessment of Exposure and Impact of Exposure

Example:

- Development of an assessment tool for young children



Referral to Services

Example:

- Developing a dedicated referral line for Safe Start services



Treatment and Service Delivery to Children Exposed to Violence

Example:

- Building the capacity of early childhood providers to assess and respond to a child exposed to violence



Points for Discussion

- Is this a useful product?
- What would make it more useful to Safe Start sites and the field?
- What other reports or other products would be useful for the NET to develop?

