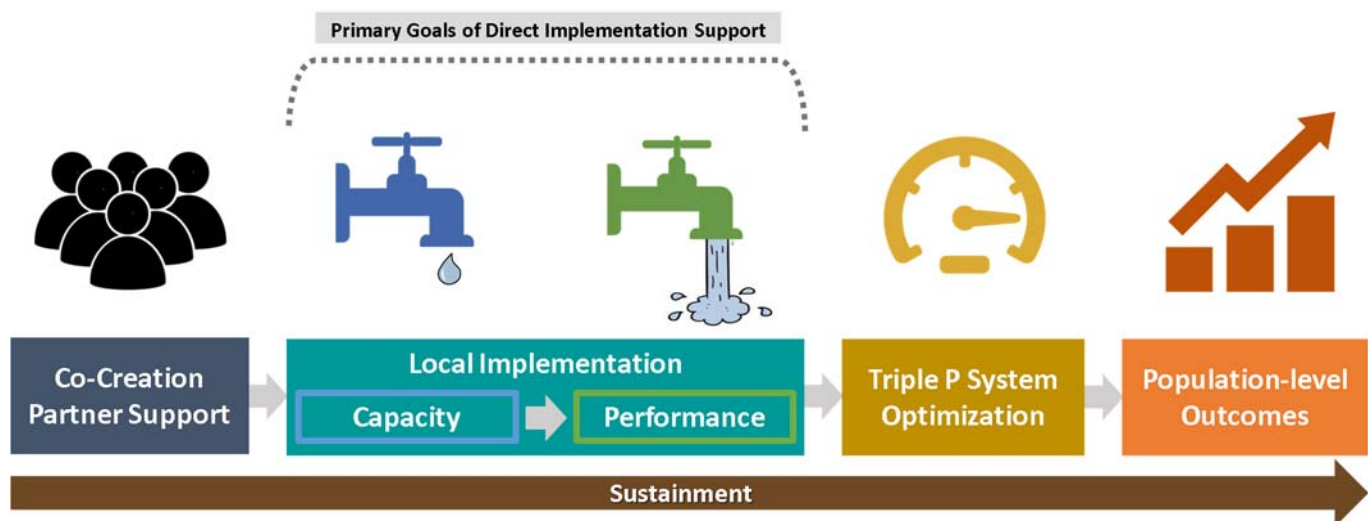


Background, ICTP Theory of Change, & the Intermediary Exploration Process

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program system of interventions offers evidence-based parenting and family support strategies for all families. The Implementation Capacity for Triple P (ICTP) Projects, in partnership with Triple P America, the Duke Endowment, and the North Carolina Divisions of Public Health and Social Services, have been asked to identify and contribute to the capacity of statewide intermediary organizations to ensure ongoing implementation support for Triple P counties and other providers.



Triple P America and intermediary organizations join a multi-level system of support for the scale-up of Triple P in your state. As external change agents, they provide program-specific and generic implementation support from outside state and county service systems. The theory of change below demonstrates this process and focus of implementation support with local partners to build implementation capacity and performance that optimize Triple P and achieve population-level outcomes.



During the initial stage of statewide intermediary capacity development, the ICTP project team will partner with the identified intermediary organization in a **robust exploration process** to:

- 1) ensure collaborative working relationships,
- 2) assess organizational resources and abilities to perform intermediary functions for Triple P statewide and in concert with other statewide support partners, and
- 3) plan a set of professional and organizational development strategies that build upon the identified organization's existing strengths for supporting statewide scale-up of Triple P.

The initial conversation within this **robust exploration process** is the focus of the Discussion Tool.

Intermediary Support Functions

Aldridge & Jenkins, 2017

An **intermediary organization** is defined as a statewide center or partnership that supports state and local child- and family-serving agencies in designing, implementing, and sustaining evidence-based programs like Triple P (Mettrick et al., 2015). The supports that intermediary organizations may provide typically include one or more the following:

Partnership Engagement & Communications

Helping to ensure that the right co-creation partners are at the table to support a hospitable context to achieve Triple P goals. Helping to ensure widespread and consistent messaging about positive parenting and collaborative accomplishments.

Often involves helping to ensure:

- Cross-agency involvement and statewide support partners
- Co-creation process at community levels
- Consistent messaging for shared values, principles, and strategies
- Tailored communications for state and local contexts



Proactive & Responsive Implementation Support

Helping to ensure multi-level capacity and performance to scale Triple P with success and sustainability.

Often involves helping to ensure:

- Leadership and team structures for implementation
- Workforce development infrastructure
- Quality and outcome monitoring systems for improvement
- Media and networking capacity to expand beyond direct services



Research, Evaluation, & Data Linking Capacity

Helping to ensure the improvement of state and local Triple P efforts through data monitoring, benchmark evaluation, and connecting research to practice.

Often involves helping to ensure:

- Comprehensive evaluation design
- Systematic data collection, analysis, and reporting
- The use of research and data for continuous quality improvement at all levels



Workforce Development (including training & coaching)

Helping to ensure that practitioners can competently and confidently deliver Triple P as intended and in ways that are responsive to parent needs and preferences.

Often involves helping to ensure:

- Triple P is usable within practitioners' local contexts
- The right practitioners are selected to deliver Triple P
- Triple P training is accessible
- Consistent, high-quality coaching support after Triple P accreditation



Policy & Finance Support

Helping to ensure hospitable policy and financial environments for Triple P and supporting partners to navigate them with confidence.

Often involves helping to ensure:

- Clear state and local policies that are aligned with:
 - Triple P programming
 - Community implementation and scaling needs
- Local and statewide partners are confident navigating policy and finance to optimize Triple P sustainability

