Alexis Kirk (00:00):

You guys started this journey almost a decade ago, what are some of the benefits that you've seen from this process?

Mark Lapiz (00:08):

Yeah, I think, you know, this initiative really helped set the stage for the state of California and their design and implementation of a statewide practice model. You know, kind of again, in a parallel process of stage-based work and starting small to go to get bigger and better and going slow to go fast, I think there was this, now we've understood and applied, you know, design of a, a practice model, understood what it takes to partner the use of the implementation science approaches, principles, and, and frameworks, and now have taken it upon the state to design and implement a statewide core practice model, which is very, very exciting to think ofthat I did at, you know, whatever county or municipality or city you may be involved with child welfare, that theoretically you would be experiencing the same types of interactions you would across the state. And then at the same time, you know, building that capacity and infrastructure within those jurisdictions of how to do stage-based work, how to build trust and partnership, how to rely on the idea of co-creation with community partners to solve problems that you never even thought were problems to begin with in the first place. So that's the real exciting work that's happening now. I'm, you know, very hopeful that our state can really, really shift this idea of handing the work back to the people who know best how to do it.

Alexis Kirk (02:09):

Yeah. I hope that we'll be able to interview maybe in another decade and see if the state of California has become a model for the nation. So we'll see. Stay tuned.

Mark Lapiz (02:20):

Yeah. Thanks for having me.

Alexis Kirk (02:22):

Thank you so much for being here today, Mark. This is great.

Meera Kumanan (02:36):

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