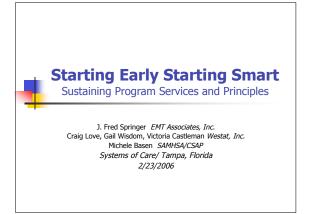
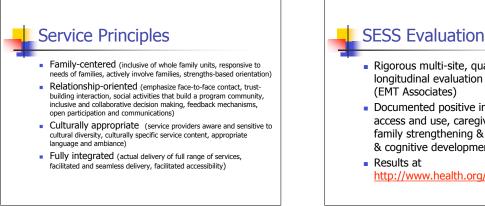
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- Document the degree to which SESS programs have sustained their services and principles
- Document the strategies, program characteristics and contextual circumstances that contributed to or limited sustainability
- Inform guidelines for sustainability in service integration programs





- Rigorous multi-site, quasi-experimental, longitudinal evaluation of original twelve sites (EMT Associates)
- Documented positive impacts on service access and use, caregiver behavioral health, family strengthening & child social-emotional & cognitive development
- http://www.health.org/promos/sess/

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What is Sustainability?

- Following Scheirer (2005) we looked for:
 - Degree of continuance of service package
 - Degree of continuance of underlying principles and values
 - Continuance/ replacement of funding

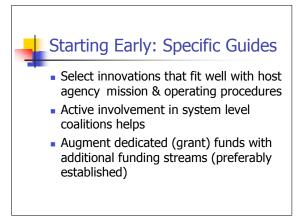
Method

- Opportunity sample: 8 of 18 programs originally funded in SESS, SESSextended, and SESS-prototype funding cycles
- Email-prompted telephone interview with key informants
- Secondary coding of grantee final reports



Strategies for Sustainability: Finding One Preparing for sustainability must start early – even before the

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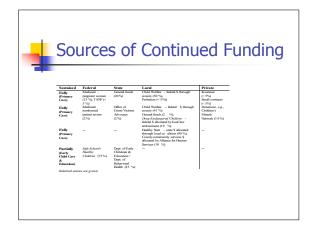
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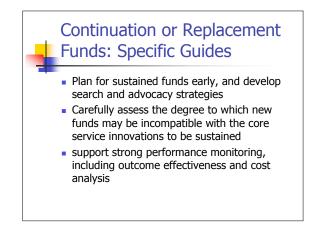
 Strong implementation and organizational support are important contributors to sustained services and principles.



Strategies for Sustainability: Finding Three

 Continuation or replacement funds require strategic integration of multiple sources





Continuation or Replacement Funds: System Constraints

If demonstrations of effective innovative services are to be fiscally sustained with stability and fidelity, *policy makers and funders must modify the funding environment to allow more flexible, continuous and performancedriven funding decisions.*

Take Home Thought

 Myopic definition of sustainability as the pursuit of replacement funding can, and often does, result in the sustenance of organization as opposed to innovation. The solution to this conundrum lies in the policies of the funding system.