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This Data Trends News brief alerts you to the following online article: Magnabosco, J. L. (2006). Innovations in mental health services implementation: A report on state-level data from the U.S. Evidence-Based Practices Project. Implementation Science, 1:13. Available at: <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/picrender.fcgi?artid=1562440&blobtype=pdf>

While the article focuses on evidence based practices for adult mental illness, its insights into implementation of evidence based practices may be of interest to our readers.

From the abstract: The Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) Project has been investigating the implementation of evidence-based mental health practices (Assertive Community Treatment, Family Psychoeducation, Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment, Illness Management and Recovery, and Supported Employment) in state public mental health systems in the United States since 2001. To date, Project findings have yielded valuable insights into implementation strategy characteristics and effectiveness. This paper reports results of an effort to identify and classify state-level implementation activities and strategies employed across the eight states participating in the Project....Results: One hundred and six discreet implementation activities and strategies were identified as innovative and were classified into five categories: (1) state infrastructure building and commitment, (2) stakeholder relationship building and communications, (3) financing, (4) continuous quality management, and (5) service delivery practices and training. Implementation activities from different categories were employed at different phases of implementation.

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