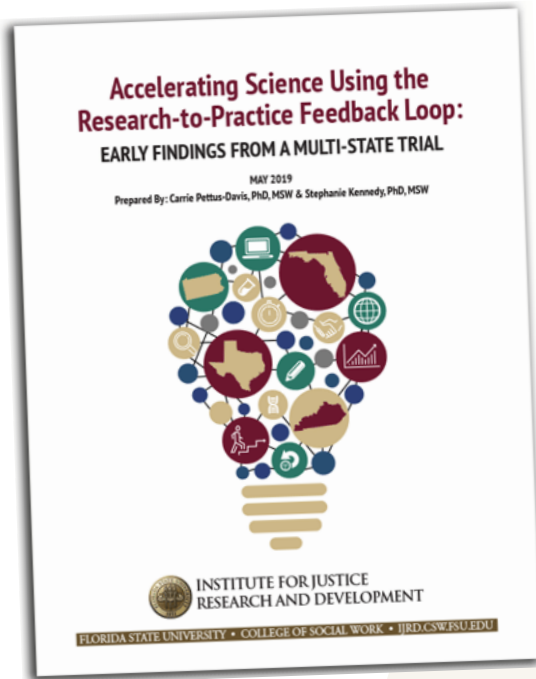


KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM QR 3

ACCELERATING SCIENCE USING THE RESEARCH-TO-PRACTICE FEEDBACK LOOP



In the [third quarterly report](#), we focused on the process of conducting a randomized controlled trial of a complex, multifaceted reentry intervention across 12 counties in four states and how we use a rapid translation Feedback Loop process to inform the research, policy, and practice. We described the Feedback Loop and detailed how the Feedback Loop has been used to collect data from practitioners, participants, and our research team to improve the implementation and impact of the 5-Key Model.

- At IJRD, we use a Research-to-Practice Feedback Loop to adapt our processes, release results, and implement policy and practice changes in real-time – shrinking the implementation gap.
- The Research-to-Practice Feedback Loop begins with an evidence-driven intervention like the 5-Key Model.

- Data are systematically collected and analyzed in an ongoing fashion to identify trends, patterns, and potential areas that require adaptation.
- Data are drawn from the experiences of practitioners and participants as well as from statistical analyses.
- The goal of the Feedback Loop is to refine services or programs, improve service effectiveness, and speed the rapid translation of research findings into policy and practice.
- Current issues to which the Feedback Loop has been applied include:
 - Adapting 5-Key Model content to be individualized and adaptive from day one.
 - Increasing the use of technology to build trust and rapport between practitioners and participants and overcome logistical barriers.
 - Moving away from reliance on brick-and-mortar office space and delivering the 5-Key Model in communities, homes, and jobsites.
 - Increasing the use of group-based sessions with participants.
 - Changing the staffing model to harness the passion of new Master's level social workers through a full-time, paid Post-Master's Fellowship. An inaugural class of 16 Post-Master's Fellows began with IJRD in June 2019. Fellows will help with Phase 2 of the 5-Key Model project.



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