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Good Afternoon PROMISE Grantees,

We hope all is well with each of you. This week's newsletter provides examples and strategies to increase fidelity of programming when involved in a research study. While specific questions about PROMISE fidelity should be addressed to your MPR representative, these articles provide some thoughts and approaches to addressing and assessing fidelity in a large-scale project.

## Evaluating the Implementation and Outcomes of Secondary Supported Employment Programs for Students with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities

A 16-item School Based Employment Fidelity Scale will be used in 40 secondary schools across Virginia for a self-assessment of the policies and practices of supported employment services offered. The scale includes detailed guidelines for data collection and scoring to ensure consistency across supported employment programs participating in the study.

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## The Youth Transition Demonstration: Lifting Employment Barriers for Youth with Disabilities

The transition to adulthood for youth with disabilities can be especially difficult. Besides the host of issues facing all youth at this age, young people with disabilities face unique challenges related to health, social isolation, service needs, the potential loss of benefits, and lack of access to supports. This issue brief include topics on work-based experiences, youth employment, family involvement, system linkage, SSA waivers and benefits counseling.

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## Replicating Evidence-Based Home Visiting Models: A Framework for Assessing Fidelity

Maintaining fidelity to a program's design is critical both for achieving effective outcomes and for taking initiatives to scale. Despite the benefits of implementing programs as designed, many social service model have been taken to scale

without sufficient attention to fidelity. This is the third in a series of briefs from the cross-site evaluation.

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## [Measuring Wraparound Fidelity](#)

Eric Bruns, Co-Director, National Wraparound Initiative, and Associate Professor, University of Washington School of medicine created this document to support wraparound implementations. This report analysis the following question around fidelity:

1. How do we know we have a “fidelity problem” in wraparound?
2. When applied to wraparound, what does “fidelity” mean?
3. What are methods to measure fidelity to the wraparound model?
4. Does fidelity even matter

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