



**Module D: Care Transition after CSC  
&  
Building a statewide Learning Health System**

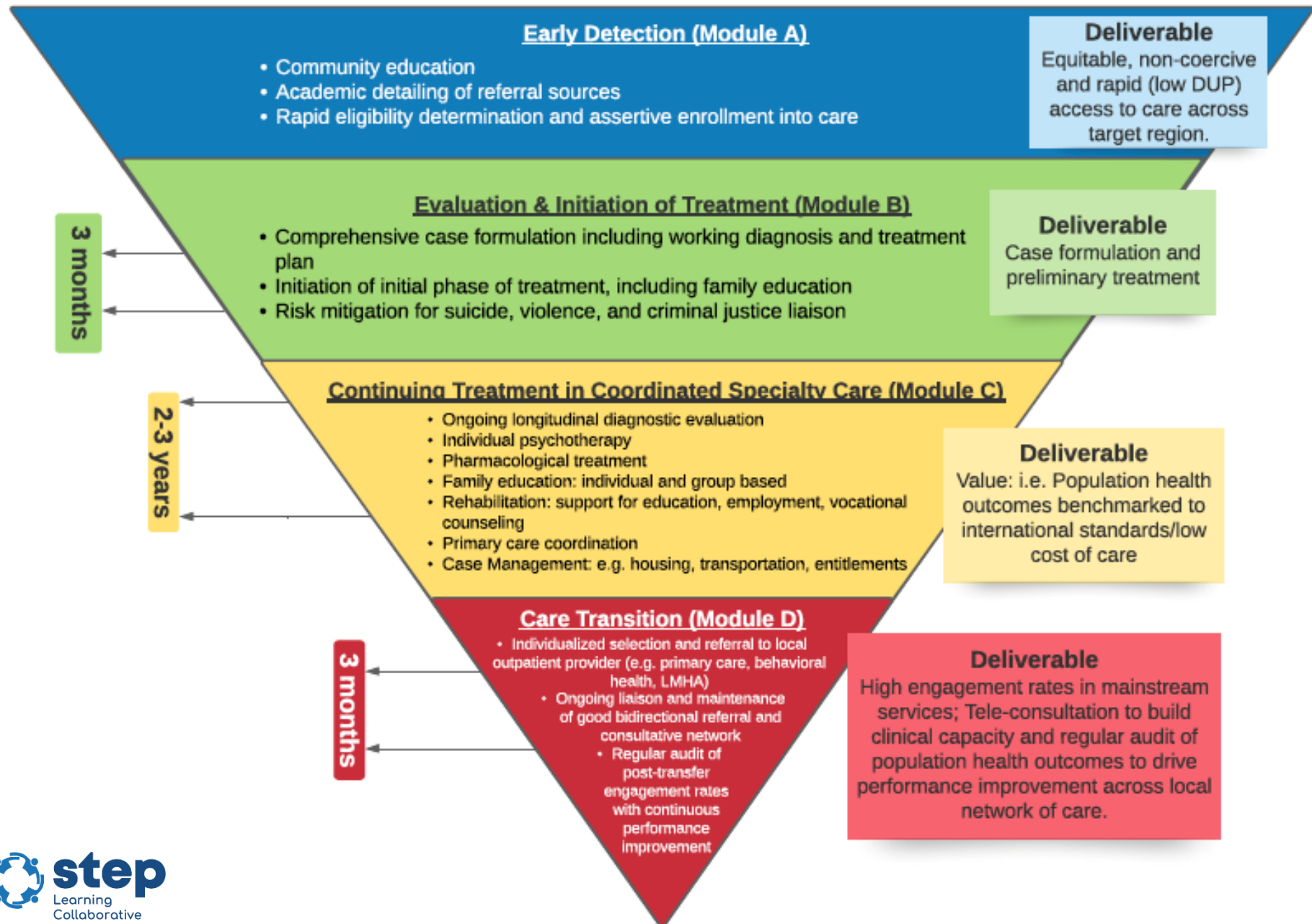
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## **Key concepts:**

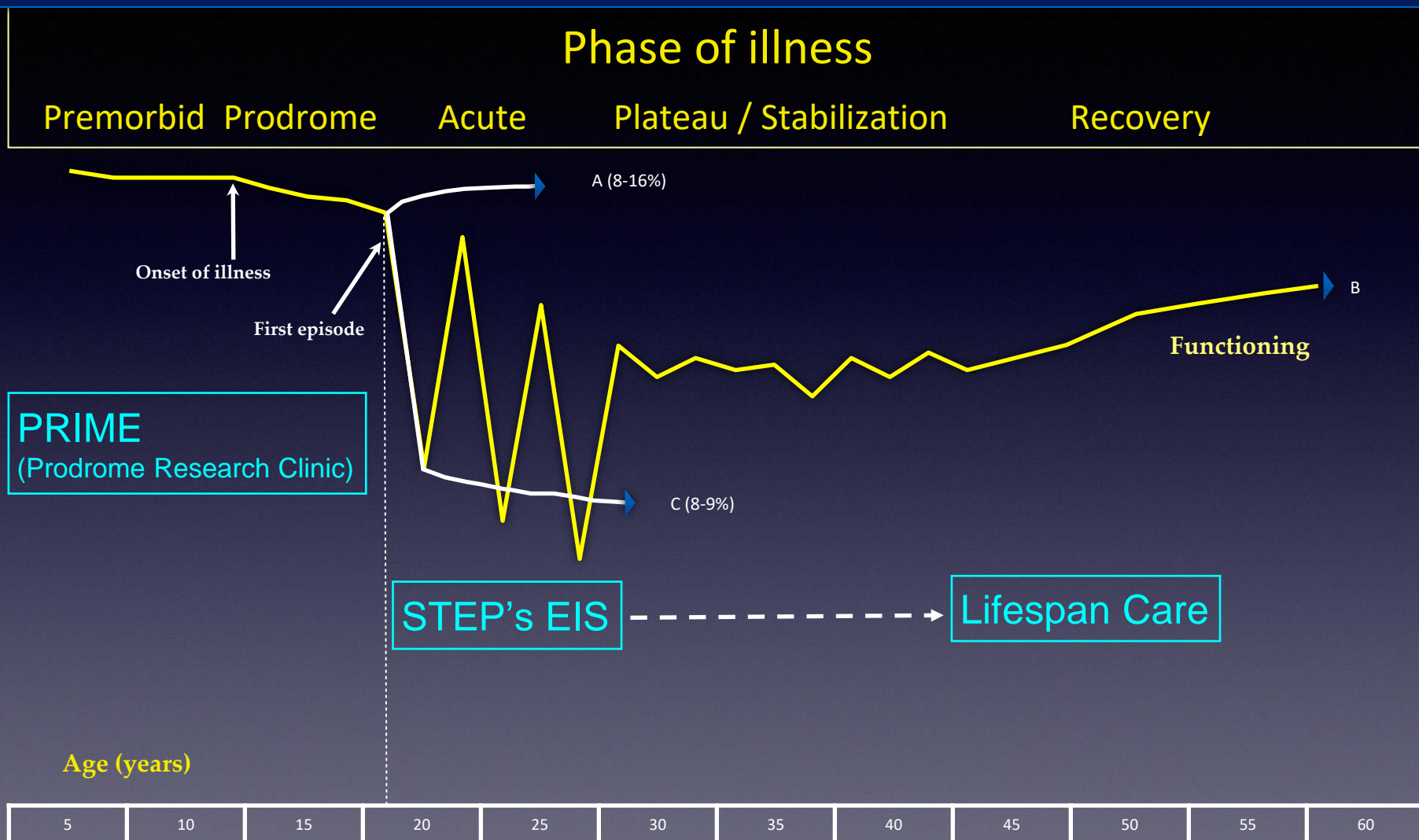
1. Transitions in care after CSC: the challenge
2. STEP's Population Health model of care
3. Building a statewide Learning Health System (LHS)

# Early Intervention Service Care Pathway

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# Early Intervention (EI): current best practices in CT



from Srihari et al. Psych Clin of N America, 2012

# The Challenge of Care Transitions

**TABLE 1** Disposition and transfer of care outcomes by phase of quality improvement

	Pre-PDSA ( <i>n</i> = 35) <i>n</i> (% of all discharged patients)	Post-PDSA ( <i>n</i> = 109) <i>n</i> (% of all discharged patients)
<b>Transfer status<sup>a</sup></b>		
Confirmed in treatment at 3 months	13 (37.2%)	59 (54.1%)
Confirmed not in treatment at 3 months	4 (11.4%)	22 (20.2%)
Unknown treatment status at 3 months	18 (51.4%)	28 (25.7%)
<b>Disposition<sup>b</sup></b>		
Referred	17 (48.6%)	76 (69.7%)
Refused	7 (20.0%)	12 (11.0%)
Lost to follow-up	9 (25.7%)	15 (13.8%)
Other (moved, deceased, or incarcerated)	2 (5.7%)	6 (5.5%)

<sup>a</sup>Pre-PDSA versus. post-PDSA, *p* = .02 (Fisher's exact test).

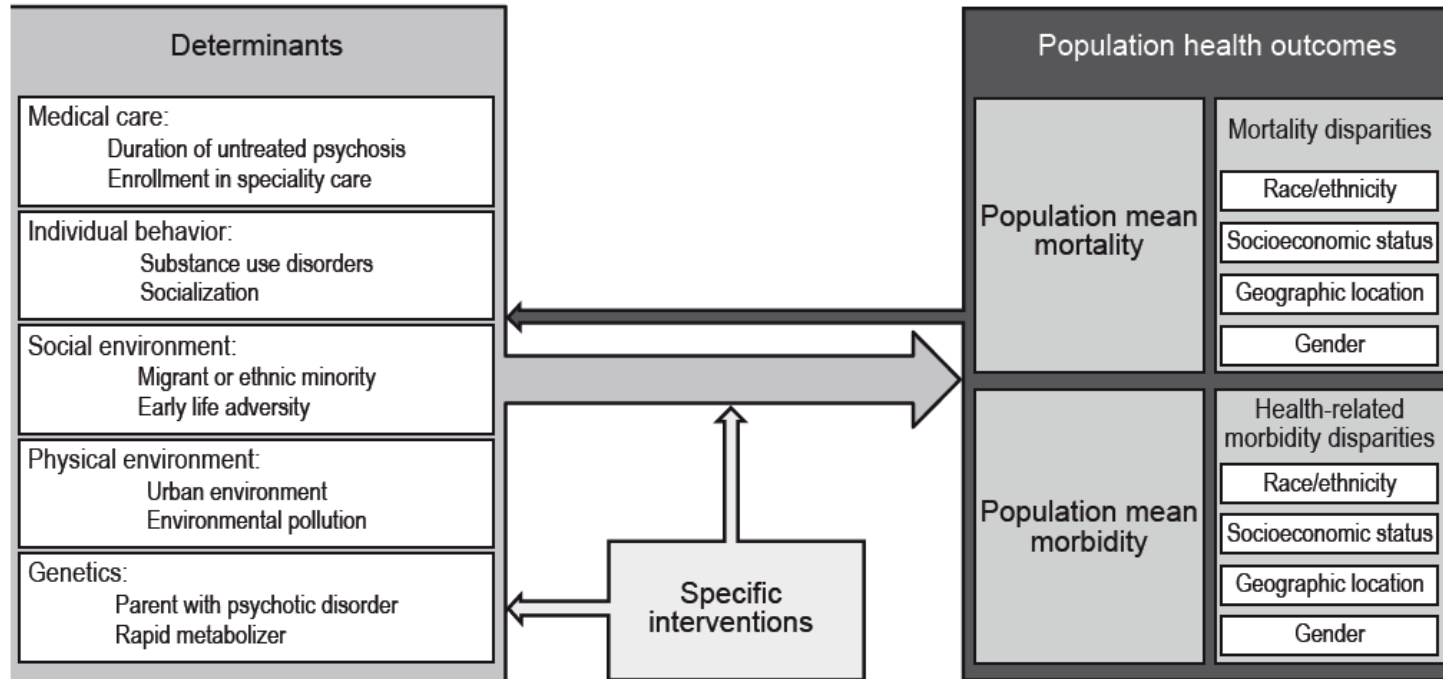
<sup>b</sup>Pre-PDSA versus post-PDSA, *p* = .03 (Fisher's exact test).

**(from October 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016)**

## Procedures:

- D/C planning 1-3 months in advance of 2yr. mark
- 1 month reminders
- 3-month f/u

# STEP's Population Health approach



**Population Health:** (i) target a 'geopolitically defined *catchment*' (ii) intervene across ALL *determinants* (iii) measure population *outcomes* (address *disparities*)

David Kindig, Milbank Quarterly 2007; Srihari & Cahill 2019.



**Table. Population Health System for Early Intervention, With an Overall Aim to “Transform Outcomes of All Individuals Within the First 3 Years of Psychosis Onset Within a Catchment Zone of 10 Surrounding Towns”<sup>a</sup>**

Objective	Measure	Standard
<b>A. Access</b>		
A.1. Rapidity	DUP 1 < 3 mo <sup>b</sup>	Achievable (30%); aspirational (75%)
	DUP 2 < 12 mo <sup>c</sup>	Achievable (50%); aspirational (75%)
A.2. Equity	Proportion of female patients, ethnic groups, town of residence, age	% of Female patients: achievable (20%); aspirational (40%). Aspirational: % of minorities will meet Census minimal proportions; aspirational: all 10 target towns will be represented at enrollment. % of Patients 16 or 17 y: achievable (5%); aspirational (10%)
A.3. Coverage	No. of patients annually offered STEP care/expected annual incidence	Achievable (15%); aspirational (80%)
A.4. Pathway to care	Proportion of patients admitted to STEP after psychiatric hospitalization	Achievable (80%); aspirational (30%)
<b>B. Engagement</b>		
B.1. Overall	In contact with FES at 1 y	Achievable (70%); aspirational (90%)
B.2. Engagement	% of Patients with at least 2 visits in 1st month	Achievable (70%); aspirational (90%)
B.3. Exposure to family education	Family attendance at 1 education session in 1st month	Achievable (75%); aspirational (90%)
<b>C. Outcomes</b>		
C.1. Hospitalization	No psychiatric admission in 1st year after enrollment in FES	Achievable (<25%); aspirational (<10%)
C.2. Remission	PANSS 8-item score < 3 at 6 mo	Achievable (50%-70%); aspirational (85%)
	PANSS 8-item score < 3 at 1 y	Achievable (80%); aspirational (90%)
C.3. Vocational engagement	Not in labor market (NEET and not a full-time caregiver)	Achievable (<20%); aspirational (<10%)
<b>C.4. Cardiovascular risk</b>		
Smoking	New smokers at 1 y	Achievable (20%); aspirational (10%)
	% of Smokers at 1 y	Achievable (60%); aspirational (30%)
Overweight or obese	BMI < 25 at 1 y	Achievable (30%); aspirational (75%)
	Retain normal BMI at 1 y	Achievable (60%); aspirational (75%)
C.5. Disposition	% Successfully transitioned to routine community services after 2 y in FES	Achievable (80%); aspirational (90%)

- Individualized, phase-specific care
- Care *Processes* responsive to Population Outcomes across domains of access, disease-related morbidity and broader determinants of social & vocational functioning.
- Fidelity (like adherence) as a variably important mediator of patient oriented outcomes, not ends in themselves
- Ownership: Local implementation choices
- Creative resourcing of & disinvestment from services
- Accountability: e.g. annual report focused on outcomes of value to local stakeholders

## Population Health Dashboard

Clinic Aggregate - STEP / STEP, Connecticut, United States

Network  
STEP

Clinic  
STEP

Role  
All Roles

Caseload  
Select Clinic User

Sub-Group  
Select

### Objectives selected

Access  
DUP  
Equity  
Pathways to Care

Outcomes  
Hospitalization  
PANSS clinical remission  
Vocational Engagement  
CV Risk  
Transitions  
Suicide Prevention

Resource library

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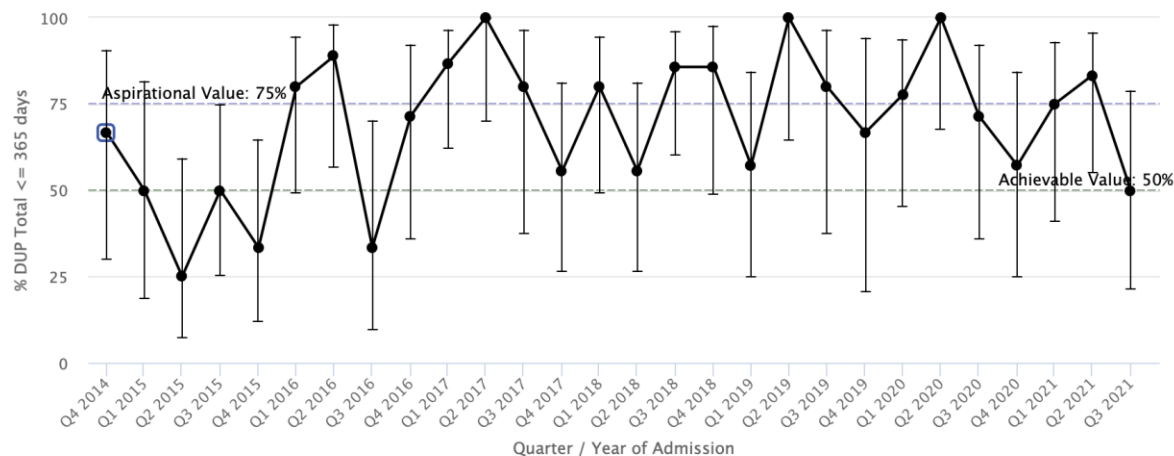
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### ARE PATIENTS GETTING CSC WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF PSYCHOSIS ONSET?

Find out more



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# Outcome: Hospitalization



Home Patient Population Health Engagement & Utilization

## Objectives selected

Access  
DUP  
Equity  
Pathways to Care

Outcomes  
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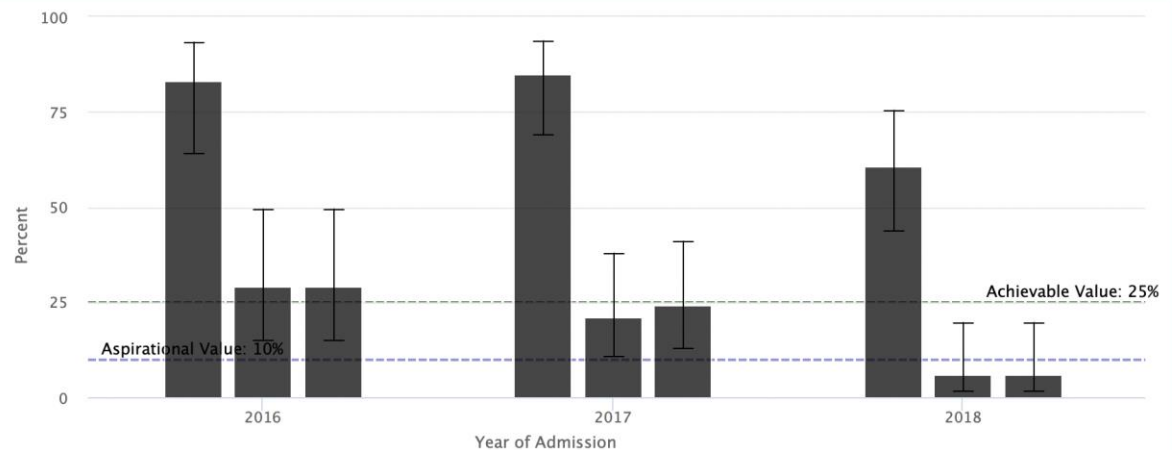
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## WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION WERE PSYCHIATRICALLY HOSPITALIZED FROM 6 MONTHS PRIOR UP TO 12 MONTHS AFTER ENROLLMENT TO THE CSC SERVICE?

Find out more



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# Outcome: Labor Force Participation



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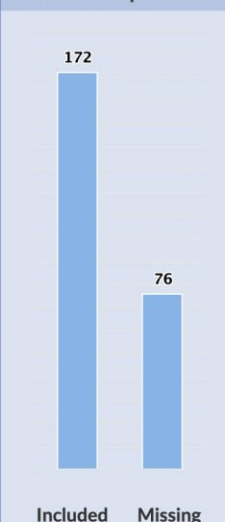
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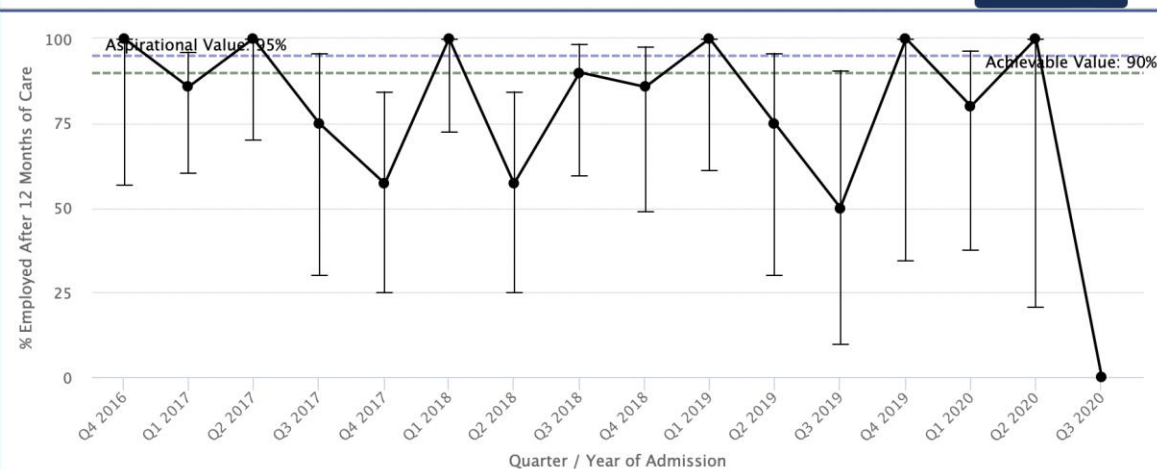
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### WHAT PERCENTAGE OF PATIENTS ARE VOCATIONALLY ENGAGED?

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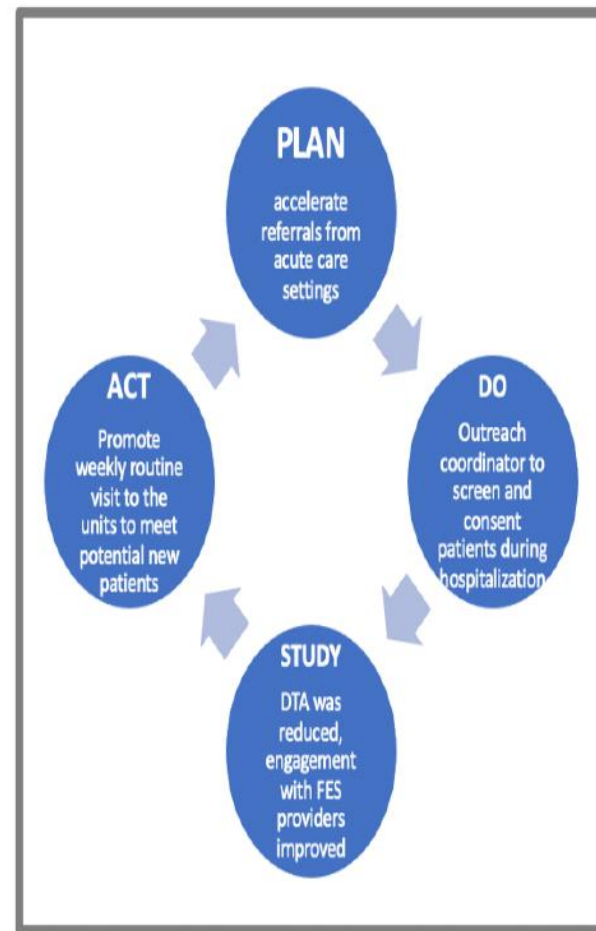
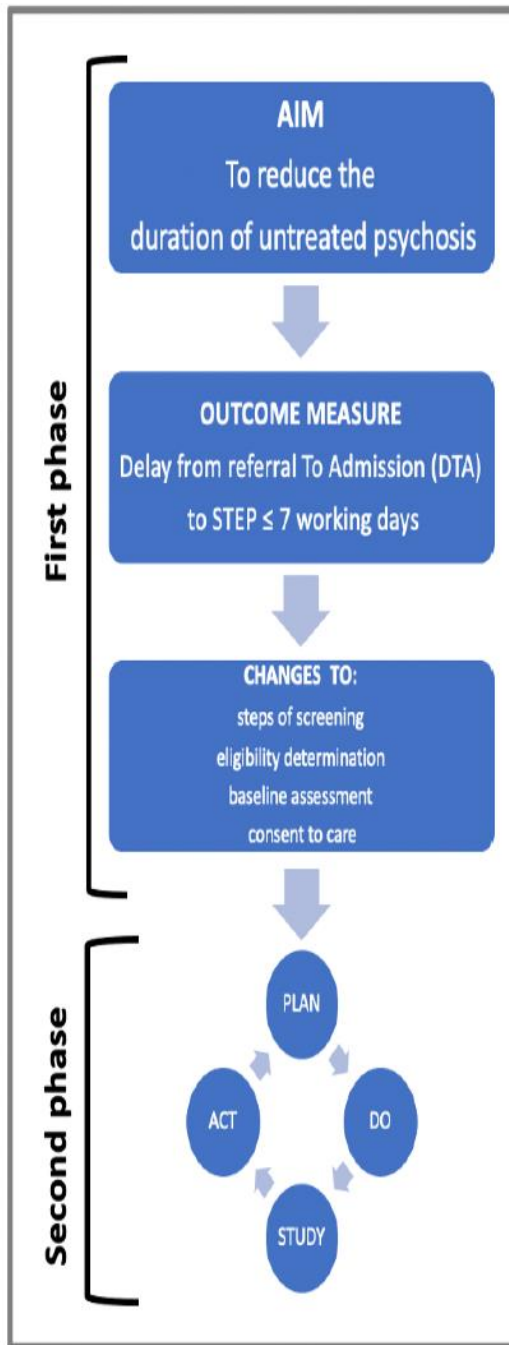
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Using Quality Improvement (QI) methods to intervene on care processes toward improved population outcomes (standards)

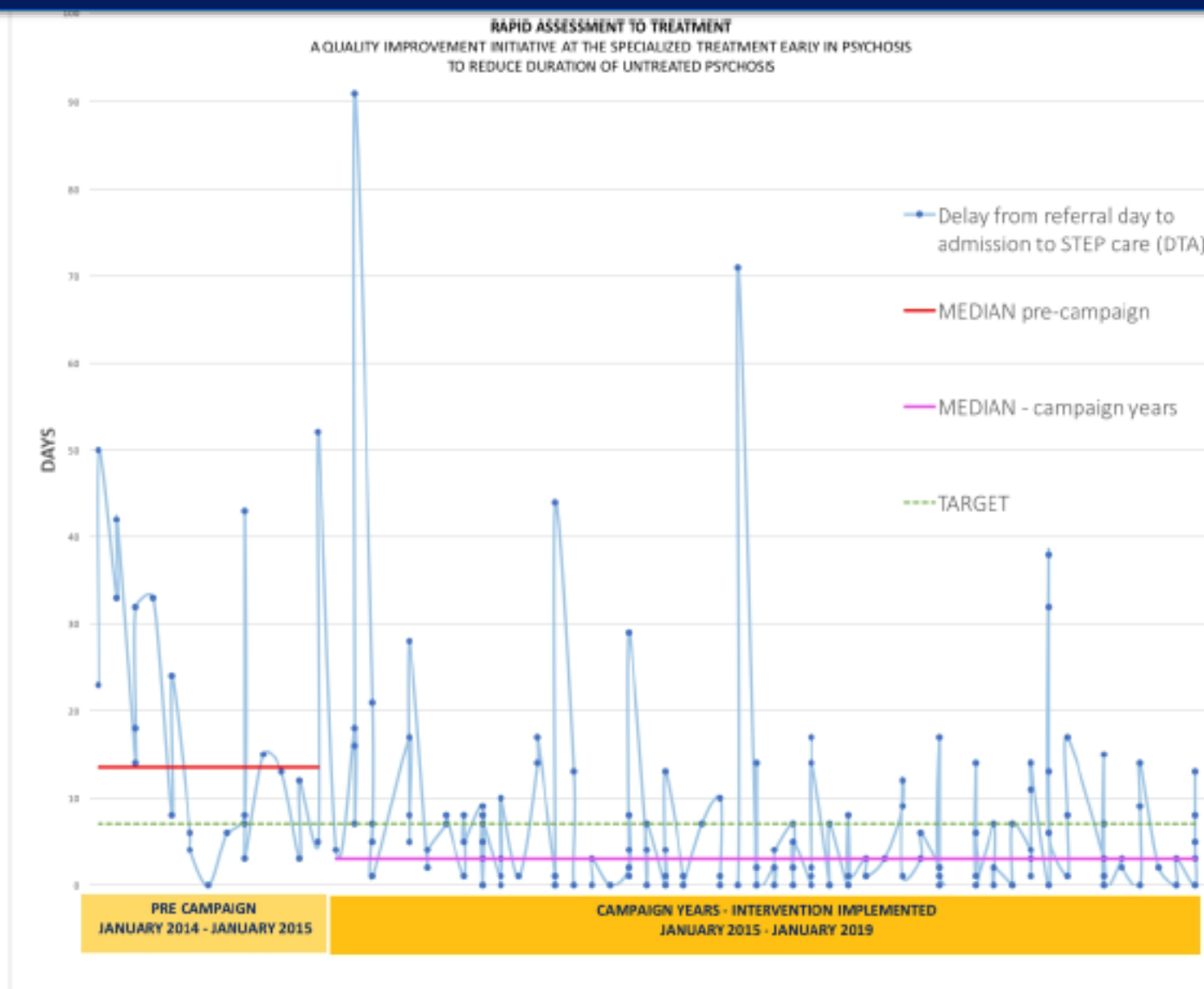
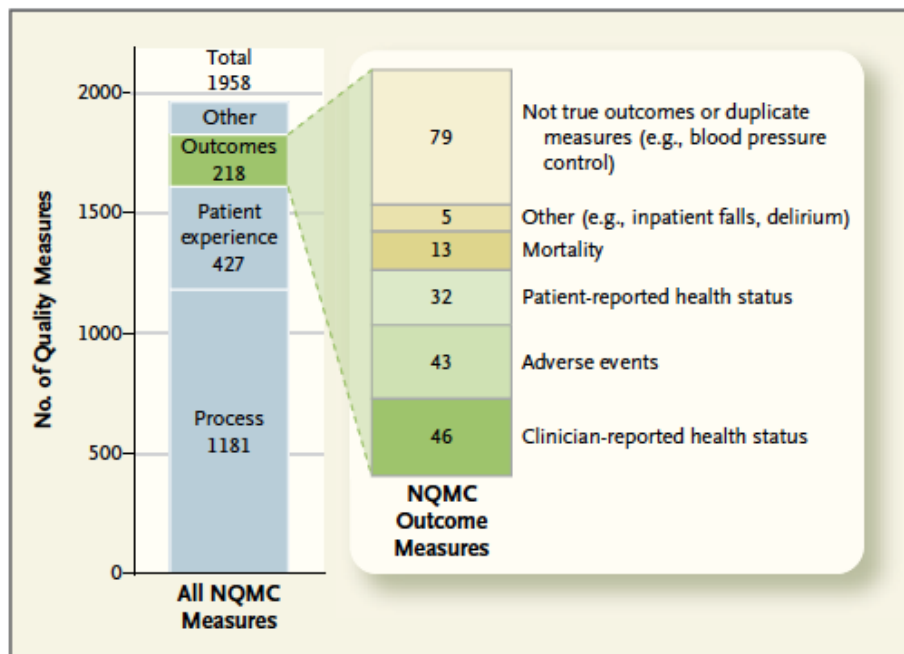


Figure 1. Run chart of the quality improvement informed initiative at the Specialized Treatment Early in Psychosis Program, New Haven, CT.

# ‘Value’ = patient outcomes achieved per dollar spent

**“< 2% are ‘patient reported outcomes’”**



Categories of Quality Measures Listed in the National Quality Measures Clearinghouse (NQMC).

- Commit to measure a minimum sufficient set of outcomes
- Consider outcomes across a full ‘care delivery value chain’
- Well-defined methods for collection & risk adjustment of measures of outcomes
- Standardization of sets nationally and globally.
- Maximizing ‘Value’ (= health outcomes achieved per dollar spent)

Quality of healthcare: Compliance with evidence-based practice guidelines or improvement in outcomes? Porter et al., NEJM 374;6; February 11, 2016

# Building a Learning Health System for First-Episode Psychosis across Connecticut

**project 169**

# The Evidence: developed in CT

STEP has demonstrated both improved **quality** AND **access** across a defined catchment

This public-academic partnership has delivered an empirically-based care pathway for all recent onset Schizophrenia in the Greater New Haven area (population ~400,000)

Can we leverage this toward  
unmet need statewide?



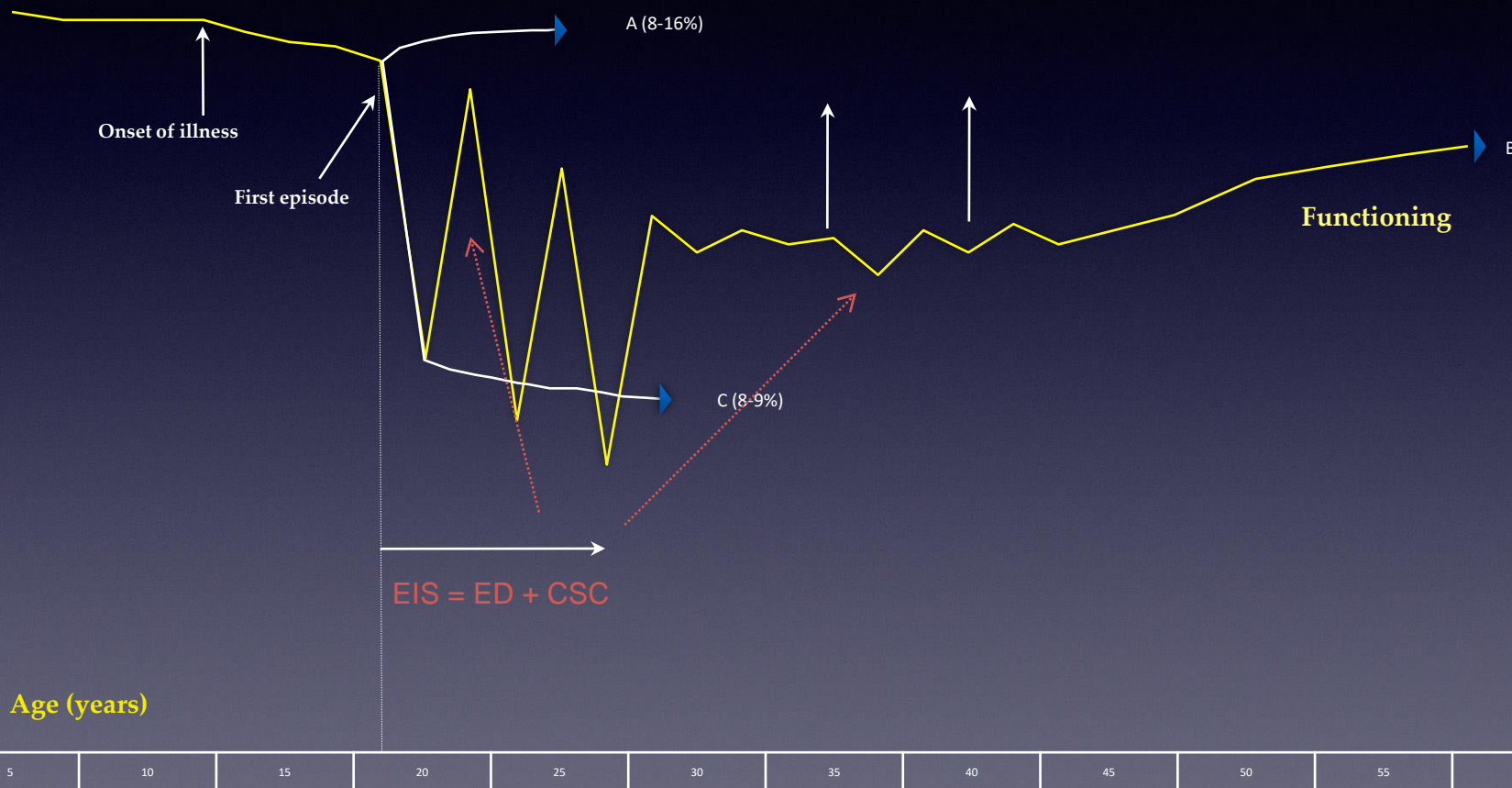
# Schizophrenia(s): The Opportunity

## Phase of illness

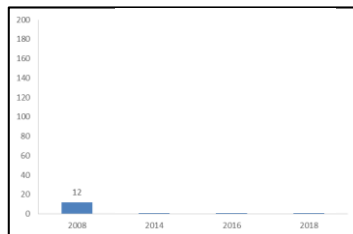
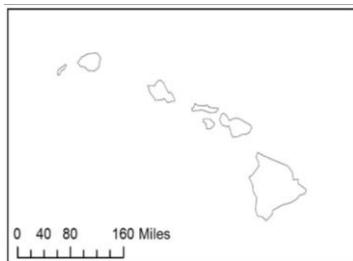
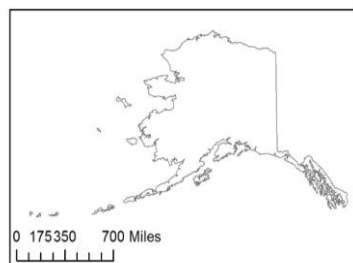
Premorbid Prodrome

Acute

Plateau / Chronic



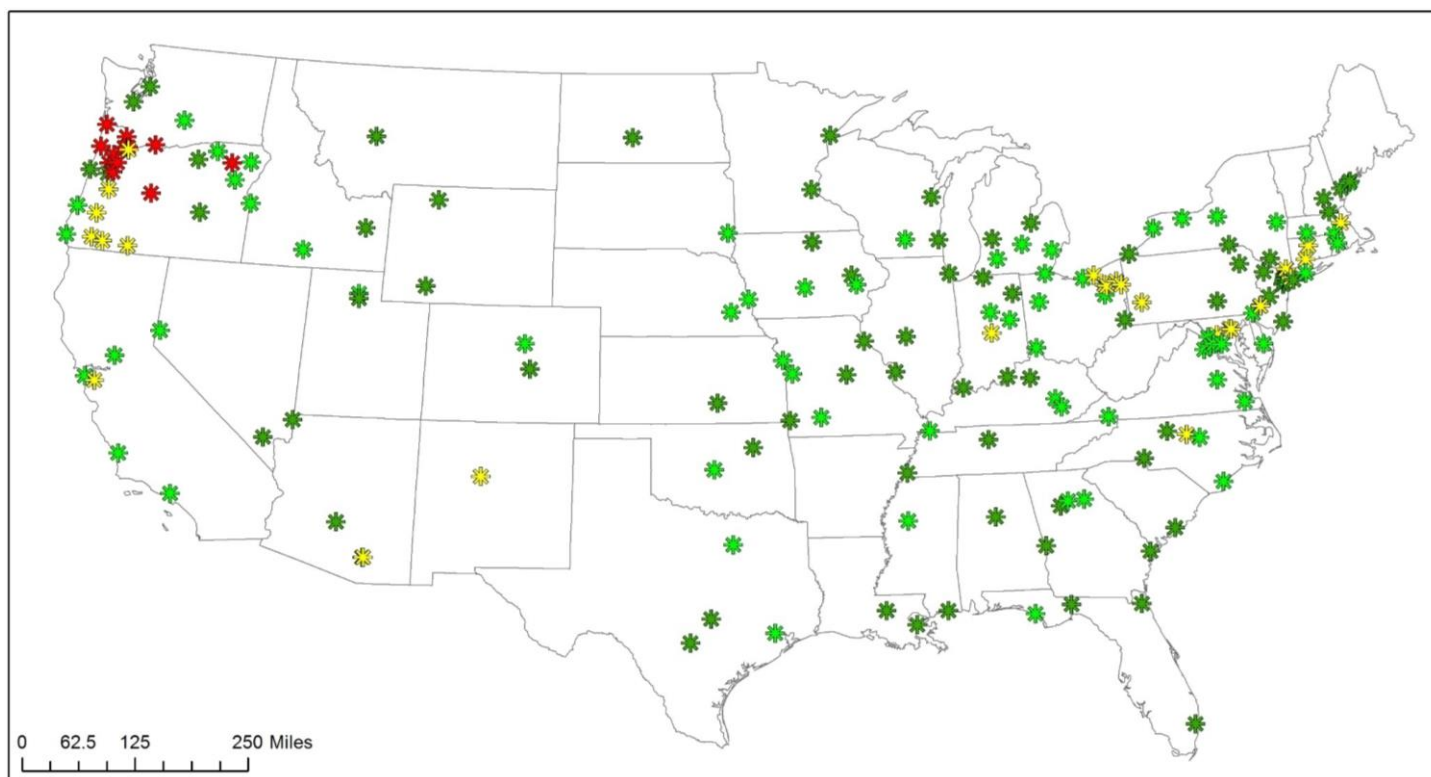
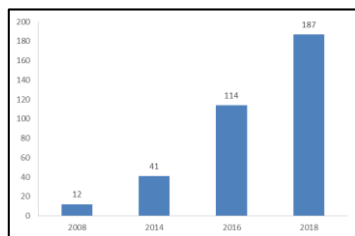
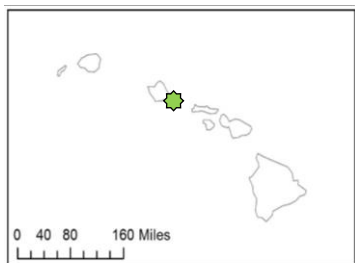
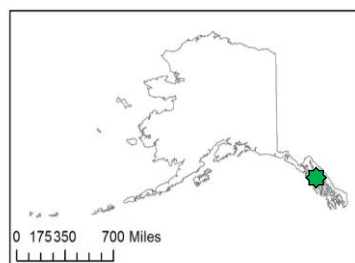
# Public FES clinics before 2008



★ 2008 ★ 2014 ★ 2016 ★ 2018

from Robert Heinssen, NIMH

# Rapid Growth of CSCs in US



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# The U.S. EPINET Initiative

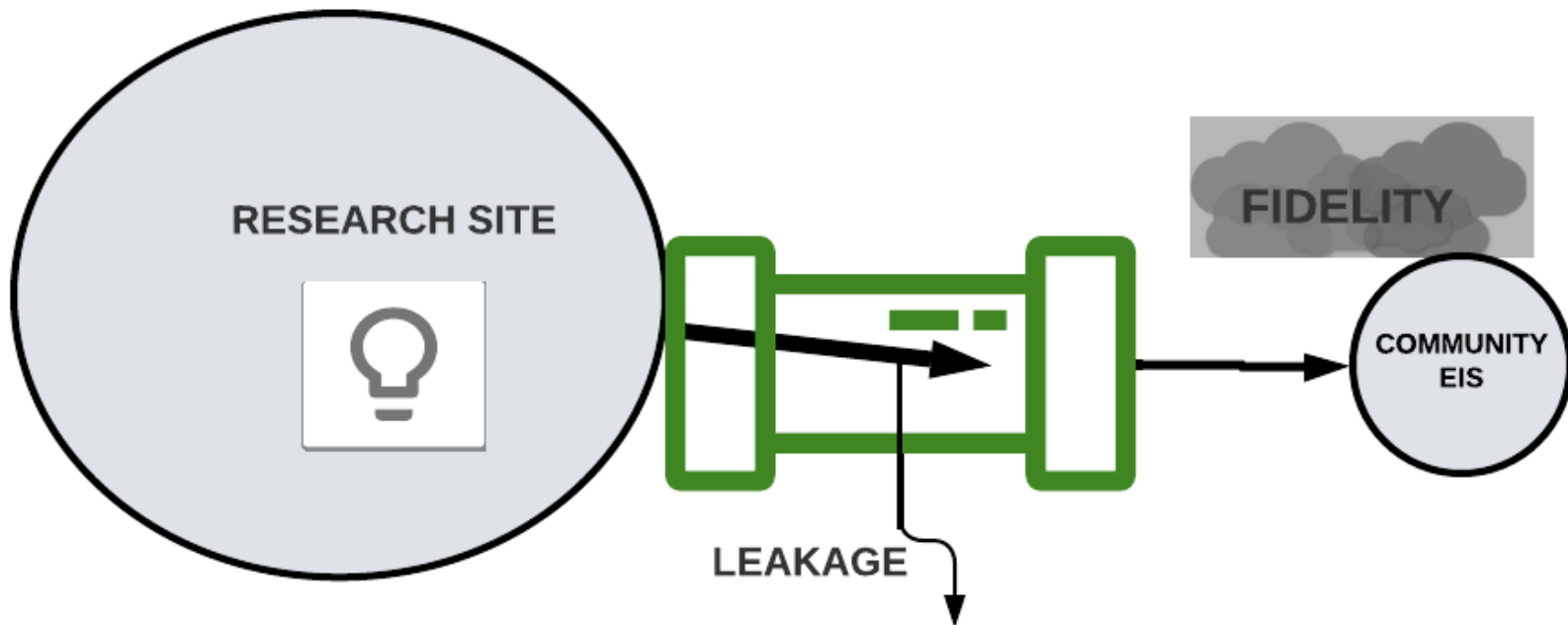
Early Psychosis Intervention Network



*HOW DO WE BUILD A NATIONWIDE EARLY PSYCHOSIS ECOSYSTEM  
THAT PROVIDES THE BEST AVAILABLE CARE TO AFFECTED  
INDIVIDUALS and their FAMILIES, WHILE ALSO DRIVING RELEVANT  
RESEARCH TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
THIS CARE?*

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# The Problem: How to Disseminate *Best Practice Care*, Drive continuous *Quality Improvement* and support *Research*?



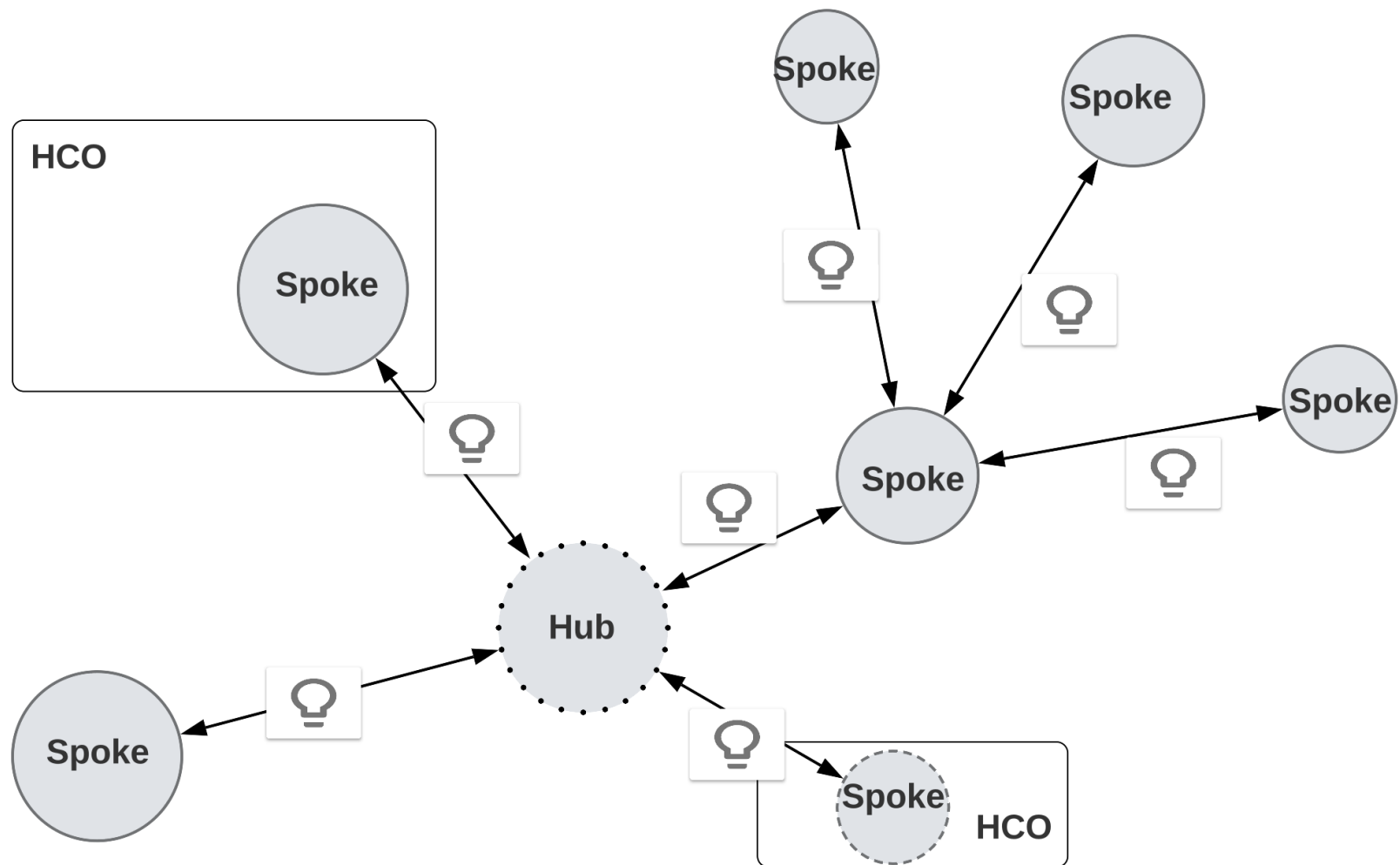
# The Solution: Learning Health Systems



*A Learning Health System occurs when “science, informatics, incentives, and culture are aligned for continuous improvement and innovation...and new knowledge is captured as an integral by-product of the care experience”*

Roundtable on Value and Science-Driven Health Care, Institute of Medicine. National Academies Press (US); 2013

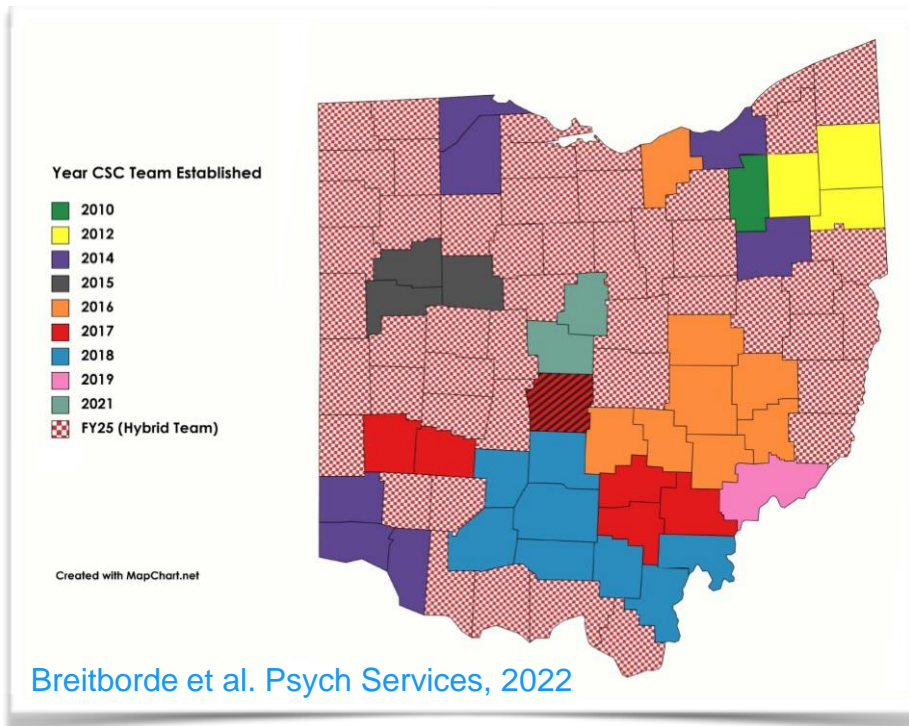
# Dissemination: A variety of models



# Ohio: implementation of early intervention

*18 CSC Teams, 39/88 Counties, ~70% of population*

'First-break' ~ 1000/yr



- Improve *Access to High Quality Care*
- Do this within a Learning Health System

# Developing a Learning Health System across Connecticut

