## Québec Implementation of Triple P: Multi-method Measurement of Adherence

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#### Overview

- Triple P
  - Core features
- Adherence to evidence-based programs
  - ► How is it measured?
  - What do we know so far?
  - Adherence to both content and process
  - Multi-method tools
- Future directions
- Questions and discussion

## What is Triple P?

- Parenting program that promotes the principles of
  - 1) Ensuring a safe and engaging environment
  - 2) Creating a positive learning environment
  - 3) Using assertive discipline
  - Having realistic expectations (for a child's behaviour given his or her developmental stage)
  - 5) Parental self-care

(Sanders, 1999)

## Core features of Triple P

Minimal sufficiency

Promotion of self-regulation

#### What is Adherence?

Delivering an efficacious program in a manner that respects its core elements

### How is adherence measured?

Self report

Observation

# Previous research on adherence in parenting interventions

Few practitioners deliver the program exactly as it was designed

More experienced practitioners report being able to manage exercise and homework better than newer practitioners (Taylor et al. 2015)

## But isn't some flexibility necessary?

Low risk modifications

High risk modifications

#### Adherence to Content and Process



What are the session activities?

**Process** 

How are they presented? Do they promote self-regulation

#### Multi-method Measurement of Adherence

- Self-report: Practitioners complete a new 12-14 item measure of adherence after each session, the Triple P Service Provider Session Reflection Tool (SRT; Sheshko, Lee, & Gagné, 2015) to assess:
  - Content of each session
  - Engagement in the self-regulation model (process)
- Observational coding: We currently coding audio-recordings of Triple P sessions by completing the
  - ▶ Adherence Measure for Process Quality in Triple P (AMPQ; Kirby & Sanders, 2014): extent to which practitioners engage in the self-regulation model
  - ▶ Triple P Service Provider Session Reflection Tool: coding content variations and self-regulation

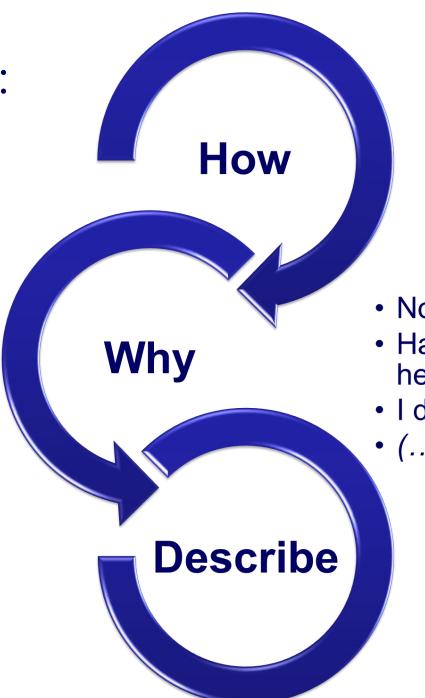
## Development of the Self-report

#### **PART I: Reflection on Content**

Part I of the SPSR focuses upon adherence to content:

- Asks the practitioner to reflect on his or her session and determine if each of the session's components was
  - (i) completed as described in the manual or if
  - ▶ (ii) modified:

if modified:



- I added elements...
- I removed elements...
- I adapted...
- I replaced an element...
- I dropped this activity...

- Not enough time in session
- Have found that the activity did not help parents in the past
- I did not think it fit my client's culture
- (... total of 12 options)

Please describe how [you added/changed]...

## Development of the Self-report (continued)

#### **PART II: Reflection on Process**

Part I of the SPSR focuses upon adherence to process:

Asks the practitioner to reflect on 8 questions exploring the degree to which he or she utilized self-regulation:

Please pick the response that best describes the way you worked with the parents during this session	Not at all	A little bit	A lot
I invited the parents to develop their own parenting goals			
I invited the parents to <b>monitor</b> their own behaviours			
I invited the parents to <b>monitor</b> the behaviour of their <b>children</b>			
I invited the parents to select the <b>strategies</b> they want to employ			
When discussing parenting strategies employed by the parents, I			
invited them to identify what went well			
When difficulties were noted in using the parenting strategies, I			

invited the parents to identify what they could do differently

I invited the parents to recognize the gains they have made

I invited the parents to use the parenting practices I introduced

<sup>\*</sup> Items based on Sanders & Mazzucchelli's (2013) discussion: guiding parents in learning self-management tools to promote self-regulation

### Observational Coding: Measure

#### <u>Adherence Measure for Process Quality in Triple P</u>

(Kirby & Sanders, 2014)

- ▶ 15 items: Assess process quality in the implementation of a Triple P session, scored 1 (not present) to 4 (fully present)
  - ► Items 1 10 examine specific components (e.g., provided rationales for introducing content)
  - ▶ Items 11 15 assess overall delivery (e.g., checked that the parent understood or assessed whether the parent was able to carry out content discussed)

## Observational Coding: Measure Translation

Translation of the AMPQ from English to French: clarified nuances of each item's intended meaning, for example:

- ltem 2: "provided rationales for introducing content (e.g., reasons for observations ...) and gained a mandate from the parent."
- Item 5: "'set up different types of observations, or demonstration of skills in an appropriate manner (e.g., modelled skill)"

Item 2 is about <u>why</u>, the underpinning reason behind a course of action, whereas item 5 is <u>how</u> the practitioner set up the skill's demonstration.

We worked with the measure's developers to improve our French translation and refine our understanding of the constructs.

## Observational Coding: Development of Coding Protocol

#### Completed preliminary coding of audio-recordings

 Discussed and resolved coding discrepancies; developed examples to add to our manual

#### Coding team trained Spring, 2016; currently coding audio

- When listening to audio, coder completes the SRT (to compare with practitioner self-report) assessing each session component
- Following the audio, coder completes the AMPQ as a global measure

#### Implications for Practitioners and Researchers

- Developed project to offer a multi-method examination of adherence to both the program's content and processes:
  - Aim is to develop a low-cost and user-friendly self-report tool that can be used by practitioners in daily practice
- ▶ It is our hope that the Service Provider Session Reflection Tool will serve as a resource to practitioners to:
  - Track implementation of Triple P
  - Reflect upon modifications and practice
  - Serve as a tool in peer supervision

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## Questions and comments?