

South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council

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Community Supports Committee Health Initiatives

Guide to Evidence Base

Use this information when designing programming in response for a Council-supported Request for Proposal. Activities included in Council-supported initiatives must be evidence-based best or promising practices.

Category 1 - Weak Evidence	Category 2 - Moderate Evidence	Category 3 - Strong Evidence	Category 4 - Rigorous Evidence
<p>The intervention (strategy) is supported by at least one (1) unpublished evaluation or study, without peer review, that has evidence of effectiveness, feasibility, reach, sustainability, and transferability. Examples of this evidence category include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unpublished intervention research; • Unpublished pilot studies; • Unpublished case studies; and • Unpublished field-based summaries. 	<p>The intervention (strategy) is supported by at least one (1) published evaluation or study, with peer review, that has evidence of effectiveness, feasibility, reach, sustainability, and transferability. Examples of the evidence category include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal articles of individual studies; • Published intervention research; and • Published pilot studies. 	<p>The intervention (strategy) is supported by the formal, non-comprehensive, and non-systematic review of some but not all relevant literature (i.e., multiple published intervention evaluations or studies that have evidence of effectiveness, feasibility, reach, sustainability, and transferability). Examples of this evidence category include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-systematic review published by the federal government; and • Non-systematic reviews published in peer-reviewed journals. 	<p>The intervention (strategy) is supported by the formal, comprehensive, and systematic review of all relevant literature (i.e., published intervention evaluations or studies that have evidence of effectiveness, feasibility, reach, sustainability, and transferability). Examples of the evidence category include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations of the Community Preventive Services Task Force; • Recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force; and • Systematic reviews published peer-reviewed journals.