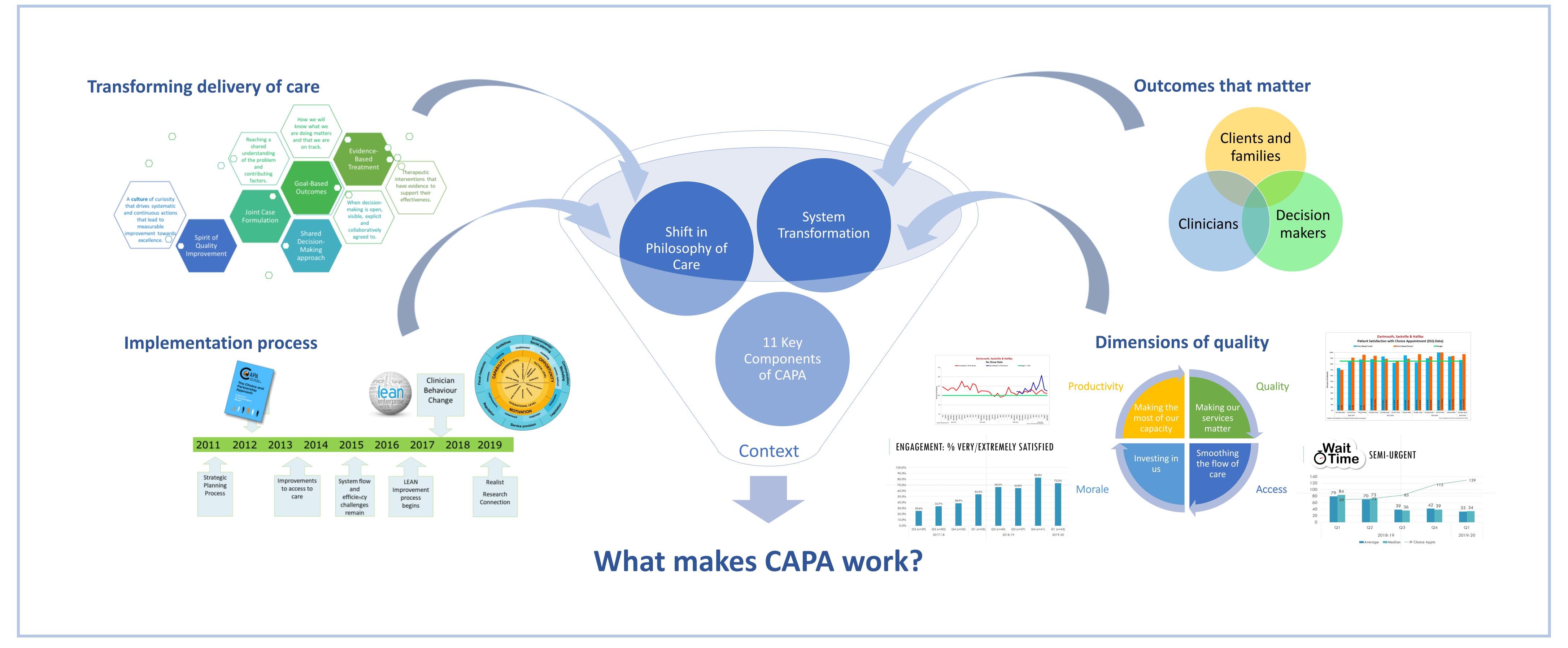
## We are Better Together: The Choice and Partnership Approach Implementation and Evaluation of a Complex Health System Transformation

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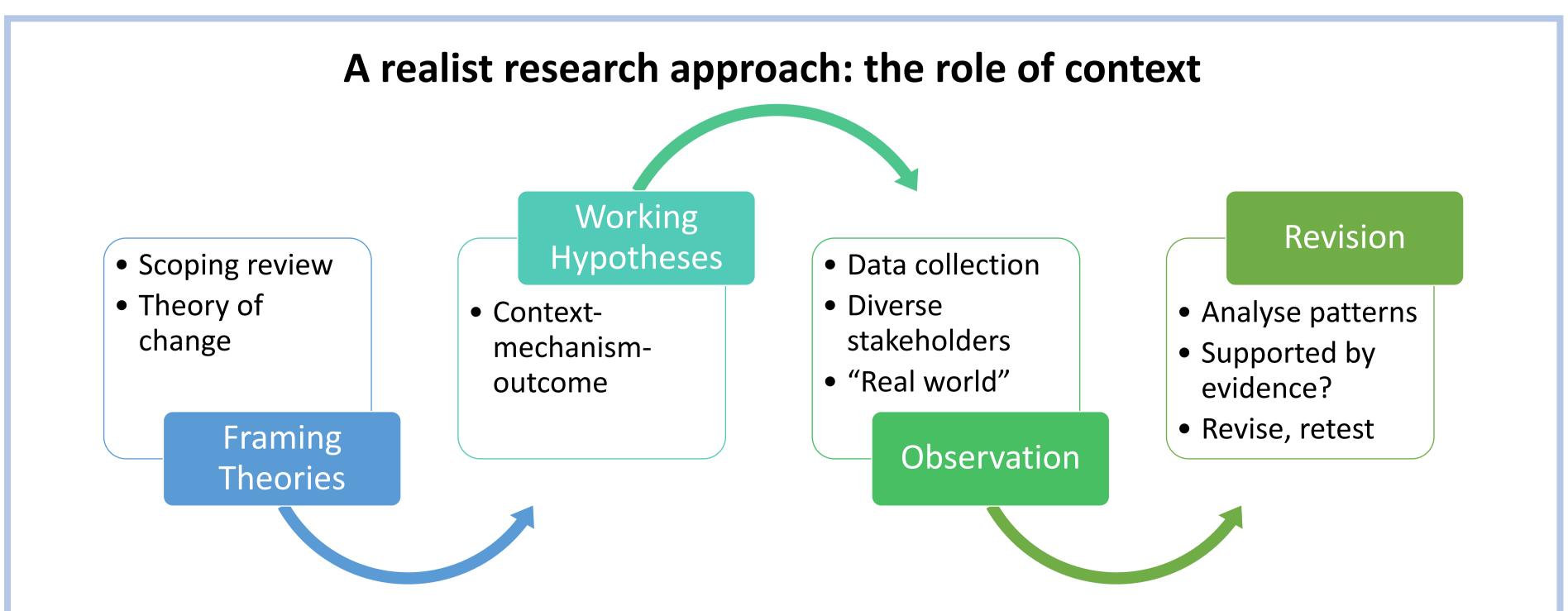
Background: The Choice and Partnership Approach (CAPA) is a transformative continuous improvement model of mental health service delivery based on shared decision making and informed through outcome measurement to enhance care effectiveness and client flow. The IWK Health Centre adopted CAPA in 2011 to address long waits for services and system inefficiencies. Wait times are reduced, but implementation and evaluation has been variable across sites. Little is known about the relative importance of the 11 key components of CAPA or the role of context in successful implementation and system transformation.

Research Question: To what degree does CAPA work, for whom, and under what circumstances?

Approach: Realist framework guides the research to understand the impact of contextual variation on observed outcomes.







Inputs		Outputs			Outcomes	
Key component	Resources	Participants (Who We Reach)	Activities (What We Do)	Direct Products (What We Create)	Immediate	Long Term
1) Leadership & Management: There is a forum (a clear working group or within another meeting) that has present: 1) a manager supportive to the CAPA model, 2) either a clinical leader or clinician/s empowered to lead on CAPA and 3) an admin lead. This forum has regular meetings to discuss CAPA which are minuted and circulated to the team. (The discussion may form part of a broader meeting)	Effective leadership and a clear working group, including 1) manager supportive of the CAPA model, 2) clinical leader or empowered clinician, and 3) admin lead	clinicians; administrative assistants; booking and	Managers: convey the targets of change; develop and manage implementation plans; Clinicians: represent the clinical voice; act as a bridge to the team for continuous improvement; Admin leadvoice of implementation; how any plans will work in practice	Leadership group; regular meetings; minutes	Awareness of all moving parts; timely responsivity to change management and process needs	building and supporting continuous improvement culture
2) Language: The service has changed its language and no longer refers to assessment, treatment or triage but either describes it to the service user (verbally and written) as Choice and Partnership or another collaborative local name. When considering clinical skills 2) the service refers to a clinical competency not a particular discipline.	Multi skilled workforce; time and skill of staff to create structured documentation	All staff: clinicians; administrative assistants; booking and registration; youth, families, referral sources, community partners	Agreed upon language; communication of language change; shift from assessment to choice and treatment to partnership; reviewing clinical skills and not a particular discipline; use of language	brochures; leaflets; informational materials; clinical documentation supportive of lanaguge shift; referral information; choice video; choice comic;	support change process; shift thinking of all staff; clients; caregivers; partners; widening clinical skills	increase client and caregiver engagement; focus on clients' concerns/goals; improve collaboration; multi skills workforce
3) Handle Demand: The service ensures that referrals are appropriate e.g. using published eligibility and redirection criteria. Service users can chose an initial Choice appointment when their referral is accepted i.e. full-booking. The service flexes Choice capacity in line with referral demand to prevent a waiting list.	Knowledge of rate of referral; Central Referral; IT services for calendar and data; knowledge of community based services;	All staff: clinicians; administrative assistants; booking and registration; youth, families, referral sources, community partners	1) Develop eligibility criteria: tailored to local circumstances-what your service should do; 2) Full booking: clients are given the option of at least two Choice appointments; 3) Flexing capacity in response to referral rates; 4) wait list blitz to start	Published eligibility criteria and priorities; team choice diary; increasing or decreasing choice appointment availability based upon referral rate (# of referrals/week); limited priority criteria	the right people are entering the system; with minimal wait for service (28 days for regular referral; 7 for urgent)	earlier access leads to improved outcomes; appropriate match between needs and service availability
4) Choice Framework: Curiosity about the service user's view and our reflected opinion; evolving a Joint Formulation followed by a Discussion of Alternatives (not all involving mental health services) ending in The Choice point Maximised by their engagement tasks.	skilled workforce trained in the choice framework; training tools, e.g, two way mirrors; white boards for creating joint formulation	clinicians; youth and families	engage and motivate service users; joint formulation- shared understanding of the problem; matching problem with alternative interventions to meet their goals; shared decision making model; risk assessment; create engagement tasks	choice training clinic; clinical documentation to support choice; (In IWK, we have standard work for choice ; choice documentation for client)	decreased wait before client- clinician "work" begins; increased therapeutic alliance; increased engagement/self- efficacy; improved flow through system; improved match for next step services; decreased no- show/cancellation rates	Shift to client/caregiver feeling engaged and centered in care; Improved mental health among children and adolescents in the community











