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# Federal View of Process to Outcome





# **Trends in Federal Programs**

Project Outcomes

Program Impact

Evidence Based Activities





# Moving to a More Defined Program

**Identify Problem** 

**Identify Intervention** 

**Define Baseline and Targets** 

**Begin Intervention** 

Measure Improvements

Report Data





#### Where we are headed...

- Current direction of the Flex Program involves moving all of the State-level Flex Programs to a minimum standard of reporting on outcomes
- Concept of measurement as being a key factor of the grant work plans
- Framework for the new national measures to demonstrate the impact of the Flex program funding





## **Work Plan Development**

- Flex is a 5 year Project Period
- Examine individual hospital baseline data or existing outcomes to identify need or potential areas for improvement
- Determine appropriate intervention activities
- Measure outcomes after the intervention
- Determine if any additional intervention is needed to meet the intended goal
- Evidence-based projects
- Planning...Remember this is a work plan activity!!





#### What does this mean?

- The work plan is the key, it describes the process:
  - Issue
  - Intervention
  - Methodology
  - Result
  - Outcome
  - Impact









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