



# The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV): Transforming Practice

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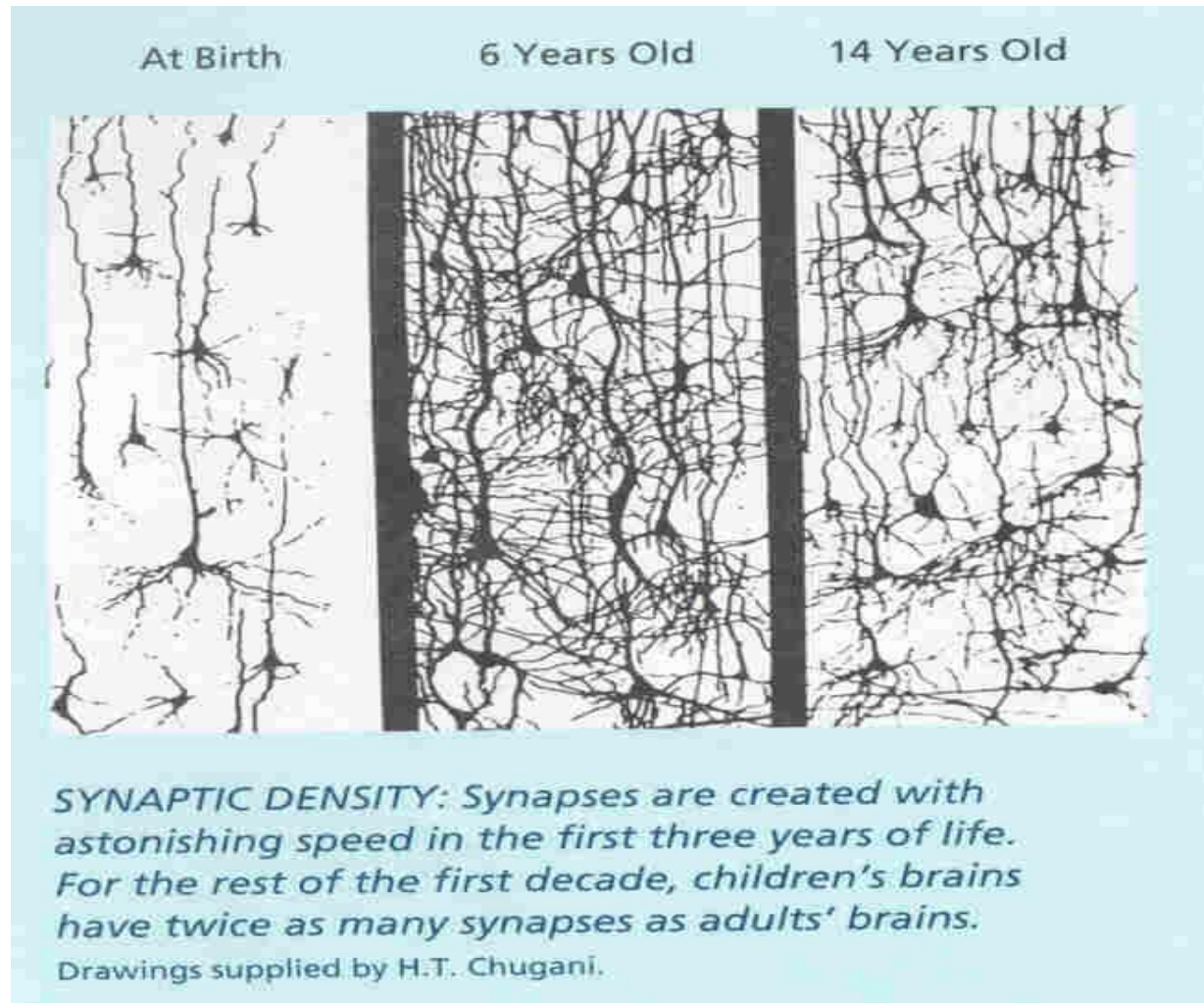
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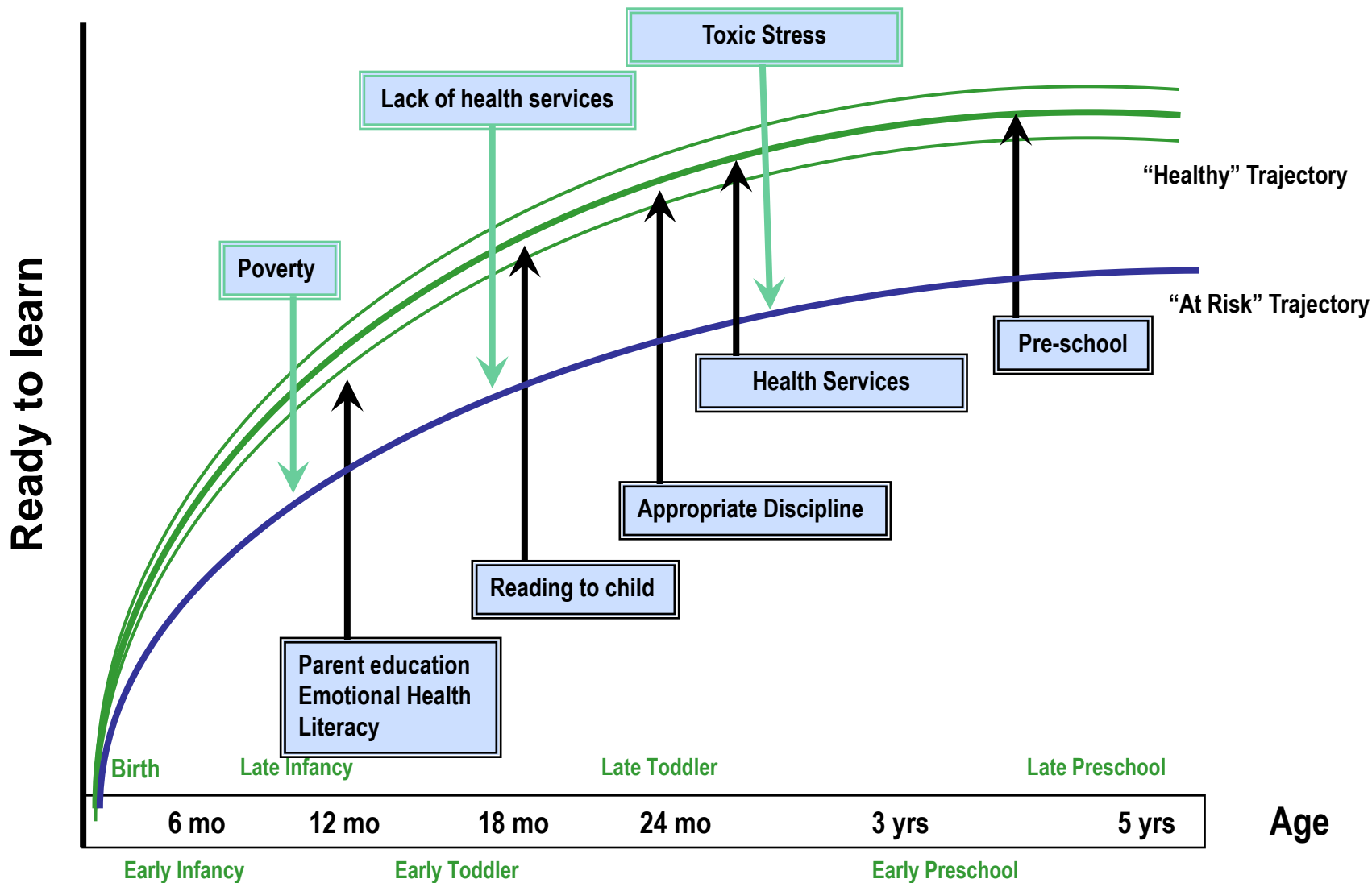


# Main Points



- Why a National HV program was needed and how it was created
- What has been the progress in implementation to date
- Areas where a public-private partnership can generate leverage
  - Integrate data-based decision making and QI into ongoing program implementation







# Why Do We Need a National Home Visiting Program?



- Early childhood is a critical time in a child's life and brain development
- Evidence-based HV services have proven effective
- **All parents can benefit from support around the time of birth and during the early years of life**
- **The home is the first and most important learning environment**
- Benefits for at-risk populations
  - HV reduces some barriers to service engagement
  - Shapes the intervention to family's specific needs
  - Provides "window" into the child's most proximate environment
  - Models "relationship building"
  - **"Coaches" parent to enhance knowledge of child development, parental skills and capacity to achieve economic or educational goals**



# Legislative Authority



- Affordable Care Act of 2010
  - Amended Title V of the Social Security Act
  - Section 511: MIECHV
- \$1.5 billion over 5 years
  - \$100M FY2010
  - \$250M FY2011
  - \$350M FY2012
  - \$400M FY2013
  - \$400M FY2014
- Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) Legislation
  - \$400M FY2015

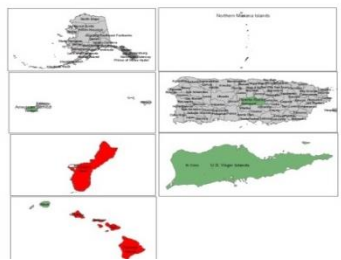
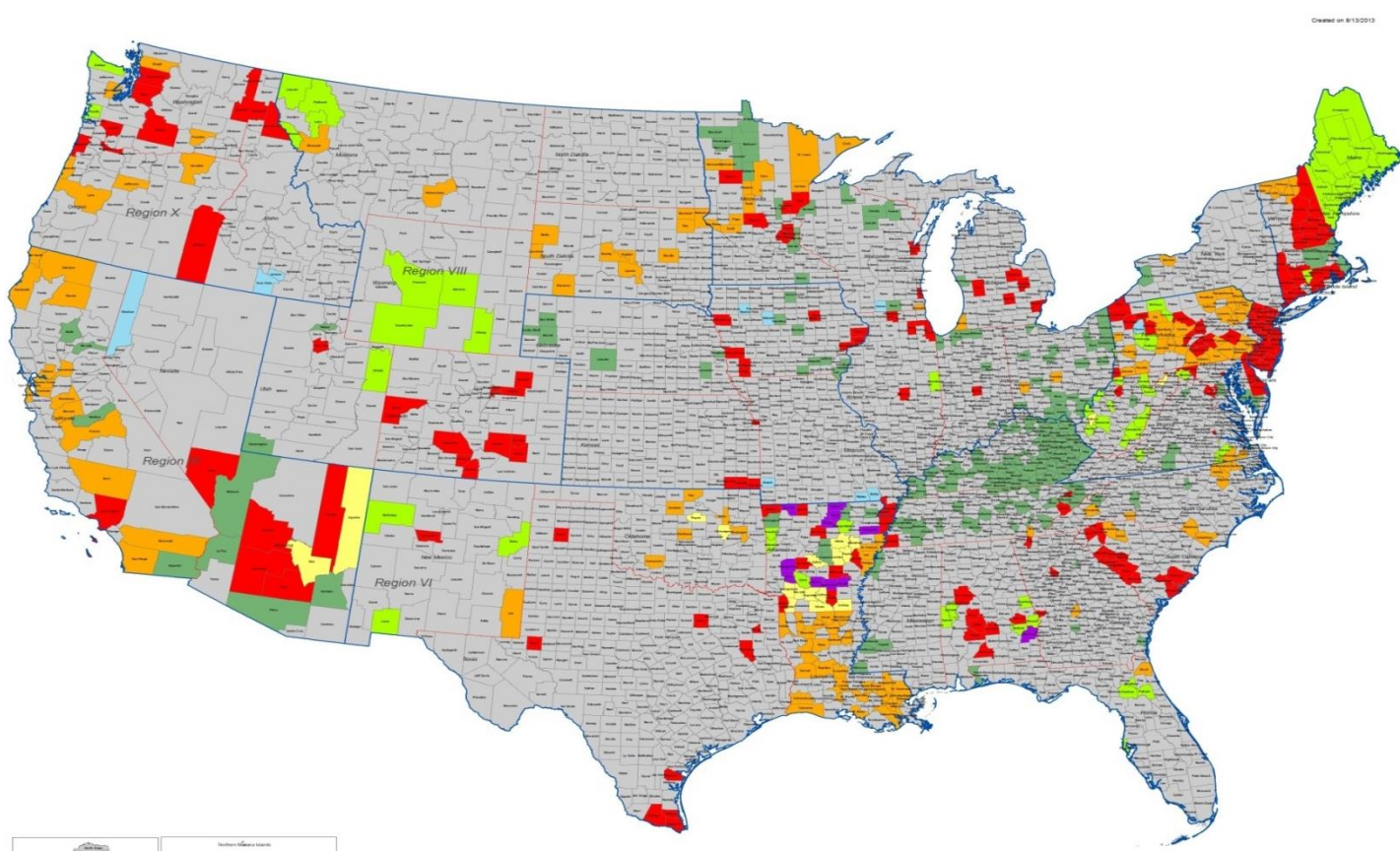


# Progress to Date



- Formula/competitive grants in 50 states, DC, and 5 territories
- Cooperative agreements w/ 25 tribal entities
- Locally designed and run by local organizations in the community (LIAs)
- Preliminary data:
  - Sustained increase from 2012 to 2014 in counties covered, families served, home visits delivered





Legend	
	HHS Regions
	States
Programs	
	No Program
	Early Head Start
	Healthy Families America
	Nurse Family Partnership
	Parents as Teachers
	Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters
	Promising Approach
	Multiple Programs

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# Innovations



- Targeting direct service investments towards well-researched and effective home visiting models
- HV not just a program but a means to strengthen early childhood services in general (e.g., centralized intake)
- Extensive measurement across three areas to track and improve outcomes : performance, evaluation and QI
  - Articulating a set of common constructs within the six programmatic benchmark areas and requiring grantee measures to assess progress
  - Supporting ongoing program evaluation and research
  - Supporting QI efforts to rapidly enhance practice and outcomes, e.g., the HV Collaborative Improvement & Innovation Network



# Focus on Outcomes: Performance Measurement



## Data Collection on Program Goals (Benchmark Areas)

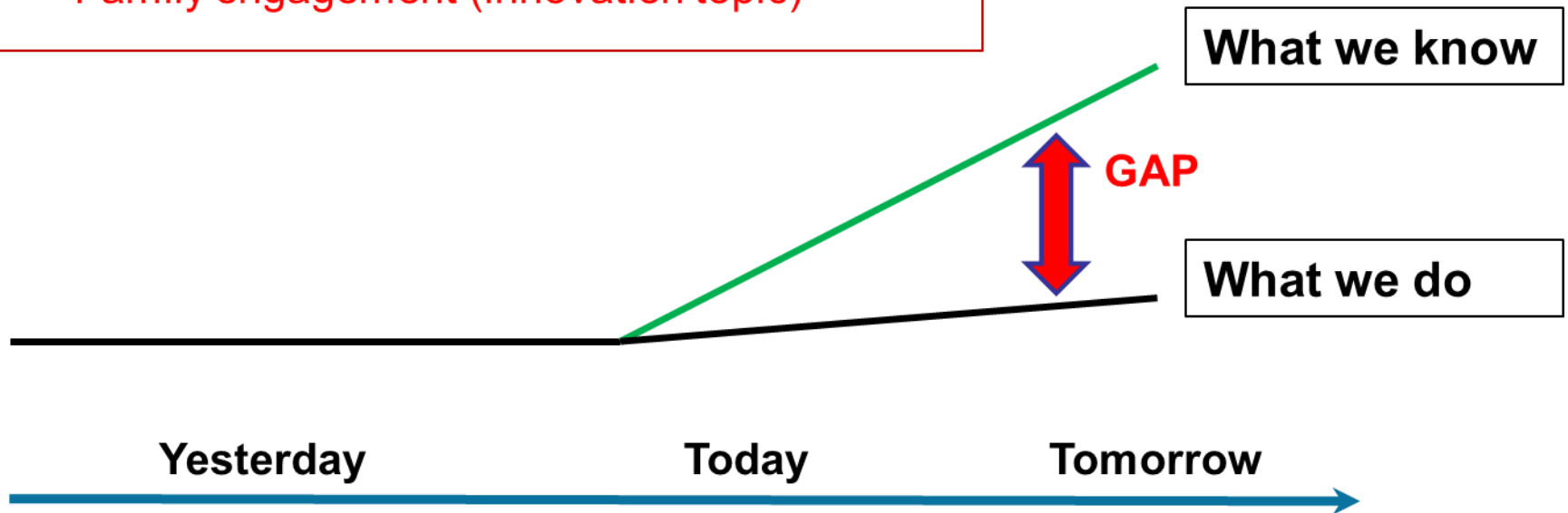
1. Prenatal, maternal, and newborn health (8 constructs)
2. Child health and development, including the prevention of child injuries and maltreatment (7)
3. **School readiness and academic achievement (9)**
4. Crime (2) or domestic violence (3)
5. Family economic self-sufficiency (3)
6. **Referrals/provision of other community supports (5)**



- **ACF**
  - Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE)
  - Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation – Strong Start (MIHOPE –SS)
  - Home Visiting Evidence of Effectiveness (HomVEE)
  - Design Options for Home Visiting Evaluation (DOHVE) research, evaluation, data, and CQI technical assistance
  - Tribal Home Visiting Evaluation Institute (TEI)
  - Tribal Early Childhood Research Center (TRC)
- **HRSA**
  - Home Visiting Research Network
  - Investigator-initiated grants

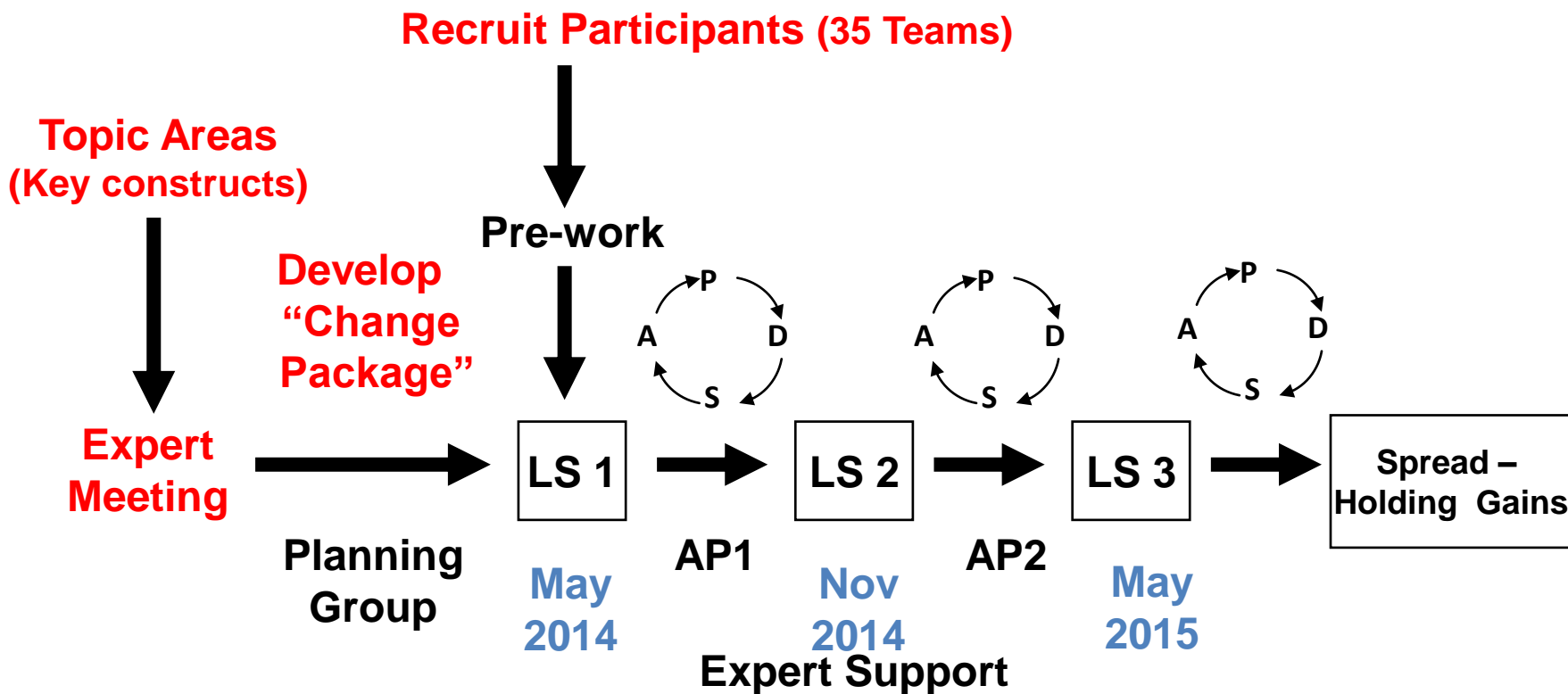
## MIECHV Constructs → Goals

- Breastfeeding
- Developmental surveillance and linkage
- Maternal depression screening and care
- Family engagement (innovation topic)



Source: Institute for Healthcare Improvement, 2013

18 months



Source: Adapted from Institute for Healthcare Improvement, BTS Collaborative.

LS – Learning Session  
AP – Action Period



# Opportunities for Philanthropic Action



- **Coverage of at-risk areas**
- **Standardized Measurement System**
- **HV Research Network**
- **QI Collaborative (HV CoIIN)**



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