

# Practice-Based Implementation Network

The Practice-Based Implementation (PBI) Network was established in 2012 as a joint initiative between the Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to address psychological health implementation challenges. Today, as a component of the Defense Health Agency's Psychological Health Center of Excellence (PHCoE), the PBI Network's purpose is to more effectively bridge the gap between psychological health research and clinical practice.

## PBI Network Mission

Leveraging the principles of implementation science (the study of methods that improve the applicability and use of research-based practices in real-world settings), the PBI Network engages DoD leadership, health care administrators, and psychological health providers to facilitate the rapid translation and implementation of evidence-based programs, policies, and practices via participation in implementation pilots and consultation.

## PBI Network Team

Military and civilian subject matter experts in psychological health, public health, and implementation science are core team members in the PBI Network. The team engages psychological health researchers and implementation scientists to review potential pilot proposals. Key stakeholders, including behavioral health providers, local clinic leadership, and service leadership, participate in and support pilot programs. This broad network of team members work collaboratively to improve the care delivered to service members, veterans, and their families.

## Bridging the Research-to-Practice Gap

The PBI Network tests and implements evidence-based programs, policies, and practices via pilot programs to:



Target compelling psychological health needs



Promote the sustainment of practice change over time



Increase providers' knowledge and skills



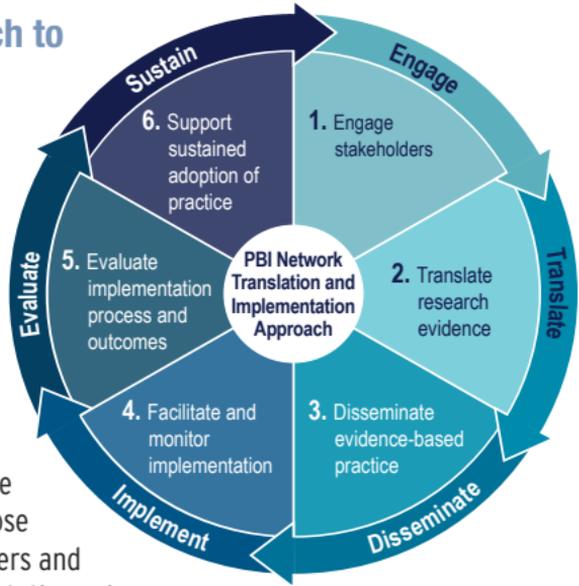
Improve clinical care delivery and patient outcomes



Identify and overcome barriers to practice change

## PBI Network Approach to Research Translation and Implementation

The PBI Network uses a stepwise approach to research translation and implementation that was developed by integrating several evidence-based implementation frameworks and strategies. It consists of six coordinated steps that are continuously informed by close collaboration with stakeholders and new evidence from implementation science.



### Examples of PBI Network Pilot Programs

- Outcomes Monitoring, PTSD Check List
- Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
- Technology (Tech) into Care
- Cognitive Processing Therapy-Trained Trauma Specialist



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