

Innovating the discharge process for hospitalizations involving child abuse: An application of the Designing for Dissemination and Sustainability Framework (D4DSF)

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Introduction

100,000 child abuse hospitalizations annually
~ 500 suspected child abuse cases annually at CHLA

Pediatric hospitalizations with concern for abuse have heightened risk for:

- family disruption
- fragmentation of post-discharge care
- chronic physical and psychological symptoms

Early intervention is critical and begins when children are transitioned from hospital to home environments.

Yet, the majority of hospital to home discharge processes often fail to take into account the special circumstances surrounding this vulnerable population...

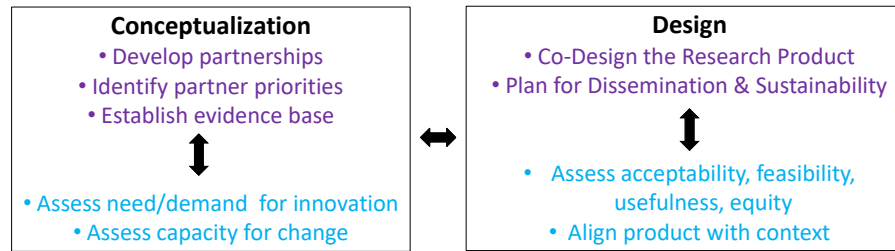
Purpose

This project integrated two process types from the D4DSF to assess pre-implementation context to inform the development of an innovative discharge intervention tailored to the needs of pediatric hospitalizations involving concern for abuse or neglect:

- Participatory design with partner engagement
- Contextual/situational analysis



Details of the Innovation: Fit to Context



Product

a hospital discharge intervention for children (and families) who experience hospitalization with concern for child abuse or neglect

Place

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

People

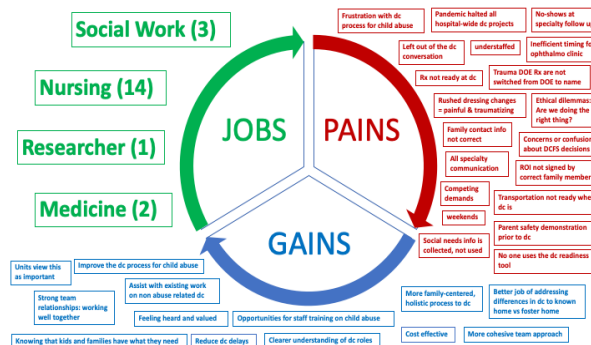
Target Adopters: bedside nurses that deliver the intervention, primary admitting service that ultimately decides when a patient is cleared for discharge



Influencers: social workers, medical specialty consultants, DCFS, hospital administration/leadership, nursing unit leadership, clinical care coordinators

Potential Saboteurs: everyone

- Shadowing
- 20 partner discovery conversations
- Brief: 5-15 minutes



Findings

Data surrounding roles, pains and gains, assumptions, uncertainties, and outcomes of interest were synthesized:

PAINS

- Poor communication
- Ethical dilemmas: Are we doing the right thing?
- Transportation and prescriptions are not ready when the order for dc is ready.

GAINS

- More cohesive teamwork
- Better understanding of how to care for abuse or neglect
- Knowing that kids and families will have what they need when they go home

Next steps:



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