

Geriatric Mental Health Demonstration Projects

Evaluation Overview

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Geriatric Mental Health Demonstration Program Evaluation Overview

- Formative In nature
- Supportive of successful implementation of the demonstration projects
- Facilitates communication between grantees

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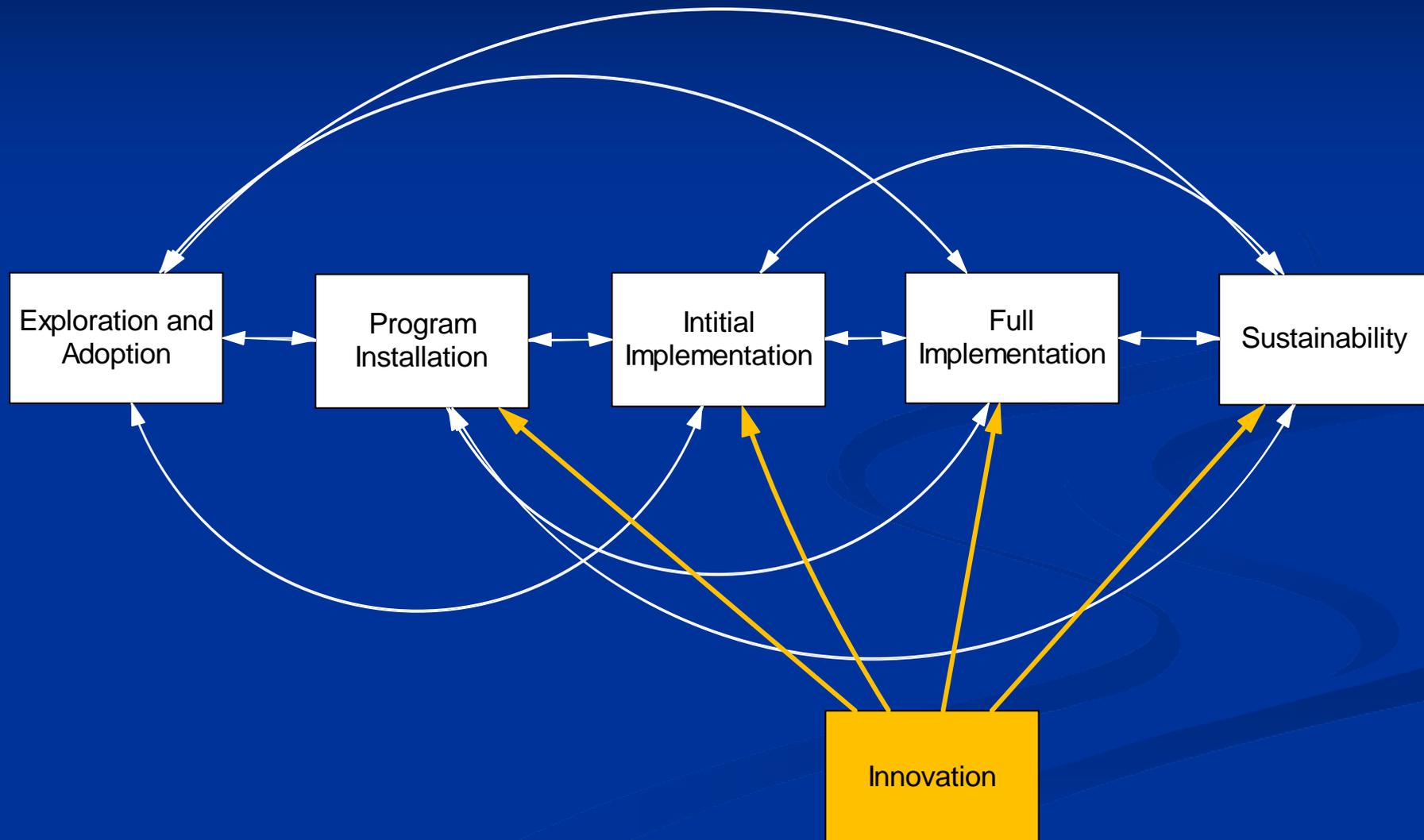
- Assessment of implementation process
- Evaluation of recipient-level outcomes
- Define sustainable, successful models for geriatric mental health in New York State

A Learning Collaborative Approach

- Establish a monthly telephone conference call and quarterly face-face meetings for demonstration project participants to share and discuss current status, outcome data, and lessons learned.
- Identify a minimum set of outcomes to be collected across projects, and within project type and support data collection.
- Provide technical assistance in mutually agreed upon areas of need.

Assessment of Implementation

Assessing Implementation: Fixsen's Stages of Implementation



Assess implementation process at each site

- Develop an organizational implementation fidelity measure
- Monitor fidelity to implementation over time
- Identify challenges, facilitators and strategies
- Examine relationship between implementation fidelity (adherence to the framework), program model fidelity, and recipient outcomes
- Programs are assessed every 6 months.

Early Implementation Insights

- Clarity of vision
- Engagement Challenges
 - Overcoming stigma
 - “Integrity” of screening process

Early Implementation Insights

Program Installation - Initial Implementation Challenges and Innovations

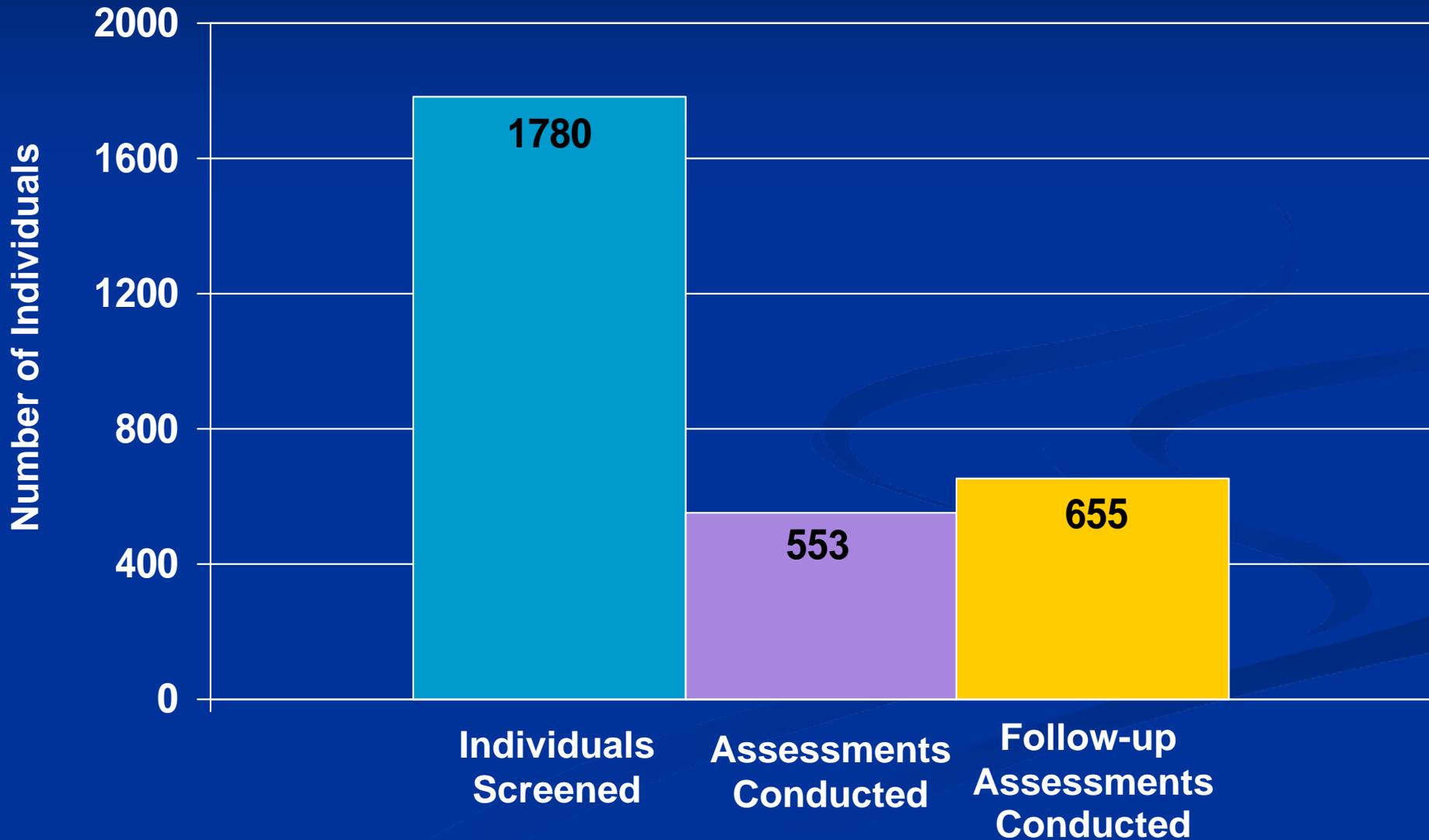
- Physical Health - Mental Health Integration Programs
 - “Seamlessness” of integration strategies
- Gatekeeper Programs
 - Challenge: establishing connections with organizations (i.e., Police, National Grid, Housing Authority)
 - Innovations: new, unanticipated gatekeepers identified (Clergy, Emergency Medical Technicians, Hairdressers, Optometrists, Street Musicians)

Evaluation of Recipient-level Outcomes

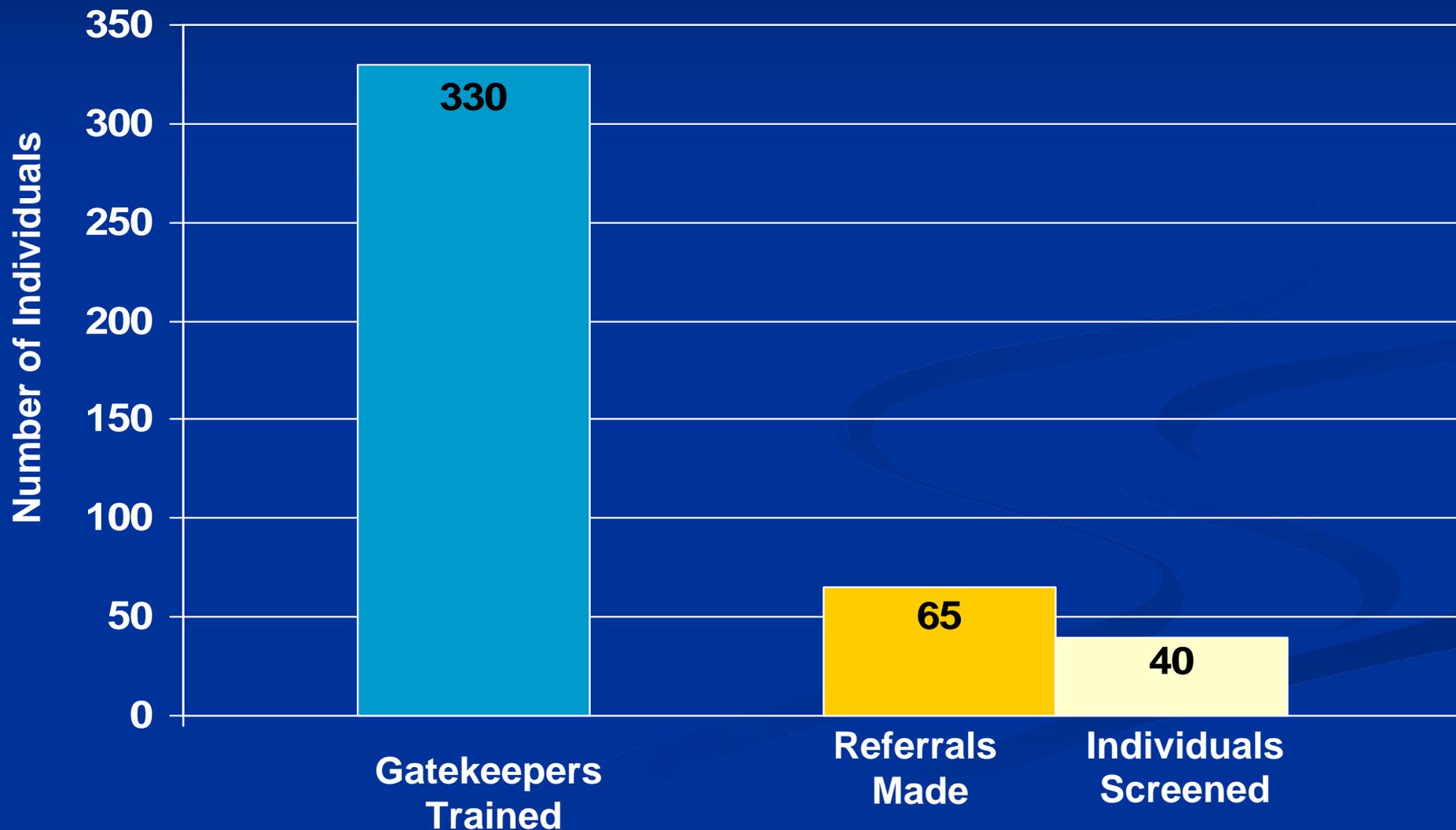
Evaluation of Recipient-Level Outcomes

- Database developed to collect data on all individuals screened and assessed are collected and submitted to OMH on a regular basis
- Database includes “modules” for status at:
 - screening,
 - initial assessment and,
 - follow-up (6-month or more frequent) assessment(s)
- Information collected includes:
 - Demographic information
 - Scores from standardized screening tools (e.g. PHQ-9, GAD-7)
 - Need areas identified at assessment

Indicators of PH/MH Integration Program Activity



Indicators of Gatekeeper Program Activity



Next Steps

- Dissemination of evaluation results.
- Engage expert consultation.
- Convene a Geriatric Mental Health “Planning Day”.
- Develop a consumer and caregiver component.
- Define innovative sustainable models for geriatric mental health in New York State