



CENTER FOR IMPLEMENTATION PRACTICE & RESEARCH SUPPORT

**SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE IN VA:
VA HSR&D/QUERI IMPLEMENTATION RESOURCE CENTER**

**BRIAN S. MITTMAN, PHD
CHERYL B. STETLE, PHD**

**VA CENTER FOR IMPLEMENTATION
PRACTICE AND RESEARCH SUPPORT**

MARCH 21, 2011

CIPRS is a resource center funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Health Services Research and Development (HSR&D) Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI).

Background and motivation

- ⦿ VA needs more, and better, implementation – and, hence, more and better implementation research
- ⦿ Implementation research is a specialized field that builds on, but is distinct from, health services research and clinical, behavior, management, organizational, policy, etc. research
- ⦿ Increased implementation research quantity and quality requires support

VA Health Services Research and Development Service (HSR&D) Resource Centers

- Technical assistance
- Consultation
- Education
- Field development
- Co-investigators
- Economics as model: HERC

VA Center for Implementation Practice and Research Support (CIPRS)

- Health Services Research and Development Service
- Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI)
- CIPRS: Implementation practice support
- CIPRS: Implementation research support

CIPRS Implementation Research Resources

- ⦿ Education and training
 - Training conferences (EIS), Cyber Seminars, Conference workshop sessions, individual seminars, center-focused programs
- ⦿ Implementation research tools and resources
 - Clearinghouse, SharePoint/website resources
- ⦿ Consultation
 - Helpline, clinics

CIPRS Implementation Research Resources

- ◎ Theory and methods development
 - Frameworks: hybrid effectiveness-implementation research
 - Use of theory: PARIHS Development Initiative
 - Partnership research
 - Complex social interventions, process evaluation
 - Scale-up and spread
 - Observational studies of implementation

Challenges

- Capacity constraints
- Limited resources (e.g., textbooks, courses)
- Incomplete, evolving consensus
- Other elements of an evolving field