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BACKGROUND


ACT SMART is a web-based implementation tool designed to facilitate autism evidence-based practice (EBP) adoption, preparation, and use in **community settings**.



It is effective in targeting autism EBP adoption and decision-making in community settings, but **this study aims to optimize its fit to the unique context of public schools.**

GOALS

Systematically and iteratively **redesign** the ACT SMART toolkit for middle and high schools to aid in EBP decision-making.



Prototype the refined toolkit to ensure feasibility for use in public schools.

AIM 1
Needs Assessment
22 stakeholders from 6 schools
Demonstration with focus group
4 hours, once

AIM 2 Phase 1
Adapt ACT SMART
5 experts + 5 stakeholders
Review Materials
Co-design workshops

AIM 2 Phase 2
Pilot Test
16 educators + 10 autistic adolescents
EBP Selection
Training
Ongoing Use

Needs Assessment
Currently recruiting

District administrators, principals, general education teachers, special education teachers, and autistic adolescents inform the adaptation of ACT SMART for fit in middle and high schools.

Adapt ACT SMART + Pilot Test

An expert advisory team co-designs an adapted ACT SMART toolkit for use in public schools.

Administrators, general education teachers, special education teachers, and autistic adolescents engage in field testing of the redesigned toolkit.

- ## BENEFITS
- Educators and autistic students will directly inform the development of a tool kit to support the use of EBPs in schools.
 - All participants will receive compensation for data collection activities.