

IMPLEMENTATION TOOL 1: WHEN SHOULD YOU ADAPT?

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Maintaining a program's 'fidelity' means adhering to its core components. However, it may be necessary to make some changes. When should you adapt interventions to fit different cultural traditions?

Here are six useful criteria:

1. When you think you have a good idea
2. When you have actually tested that idea, and found it to be successful
3. When you are actively interested in trying out the idea in a different cultural setting
4. When you have the needed time, money, and person-power to go forward
5. Members of the different cultural group are known to be interested in your intervention. (In some cases, they may even ask you to conduct it in their setting.)
6. Members of that cultural group are actively willing to collaborate with you in making that intervention a success.

For more information:

Wadud, E. and Berkowitz, B. (n.d.). *Chapter 19. Section 4: Adapting community interventions for different cultures and communities*. Retrieved from The Community Tool Box: <http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/analyze/choose-and-adapt-community-interventions/cultural-adaptation/main>

¹ This implementation tool was borrowed directly from the following website: <http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/analyze/choose-and-adapt-community-interventions/cultural-adaptation/main>