# Using human centered design to drive innovation in complex systems

Pediatric Behavioral Health Urgent Care in Schools
Learning Collaborative
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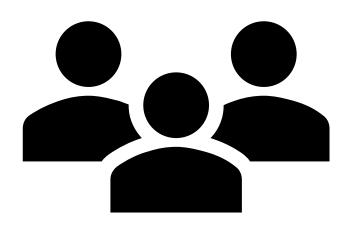
#### About me

- Chief Innovation Officer at MSPCC
- Worked in state government for 9.5 years
- Mom of two teens
- Novice piano player
- Provided mental health services in two Boston Public Schools
- Worked as a clinician in the emergency department at Boston Medical Center
- Hates roller coasters
- Use she/her pronouns
- Grew up in lowa



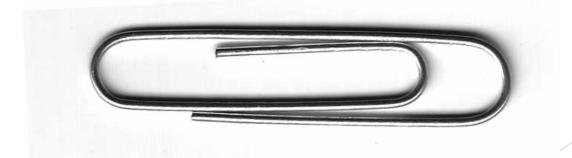
#### About you

- School employee
- Have a birthday in November
- Community mental health employee
- ▶ Been in the work for more than 10 years
- Been in the work for less than 5 years
- Have a pet
- Enjoy riding roller coasters
- Grew up somewhere other than Massachusetts
- Favorite subject in school = math
- Like to dance

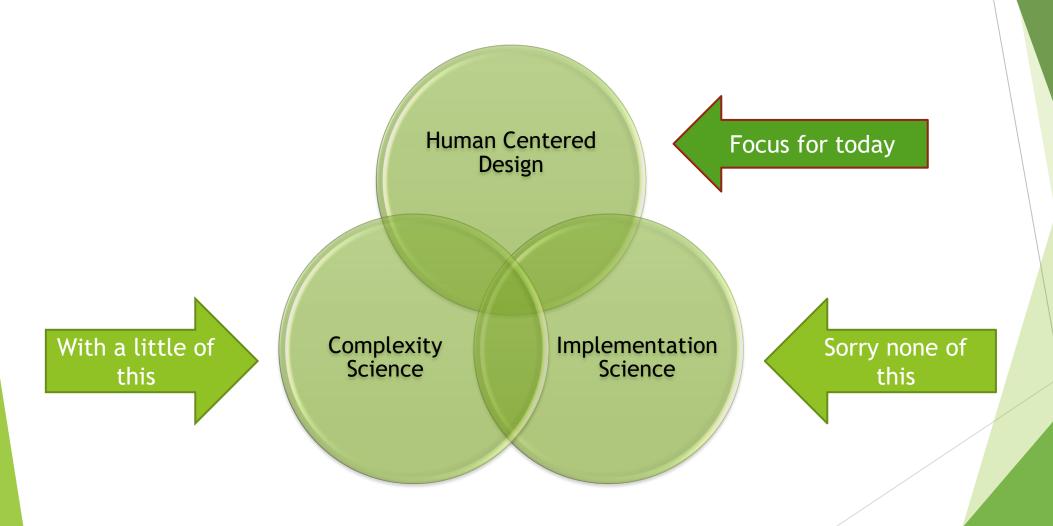


#### Creative burst - new uses for old things

- ▶ Old use paper clip
- ► New use?
- Step 1 brainstorm alone for 1 minute use pad of paper to list as many ideas as you can
- Step 2 select someone to be a notetaker
- Step 3 take turns lists out their ideas if you had the same idea as someone before you cross it off your list. Notetaker only add new ideas to the list
- Step 4 total up the list for your table



### 3 big ideas



#### What is the difference?

#### Complicated

- Process can be manualized / procedures developed / rules written
- There is an endpoint
- Clear cause and effect relationship

#### Complex

- Dynamic and evolving
- No stopping rule
- No one solution
- Problem is multifactorial
- Can be difficult to predict

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- Building a tunnel
- Computer coding
- Traffic
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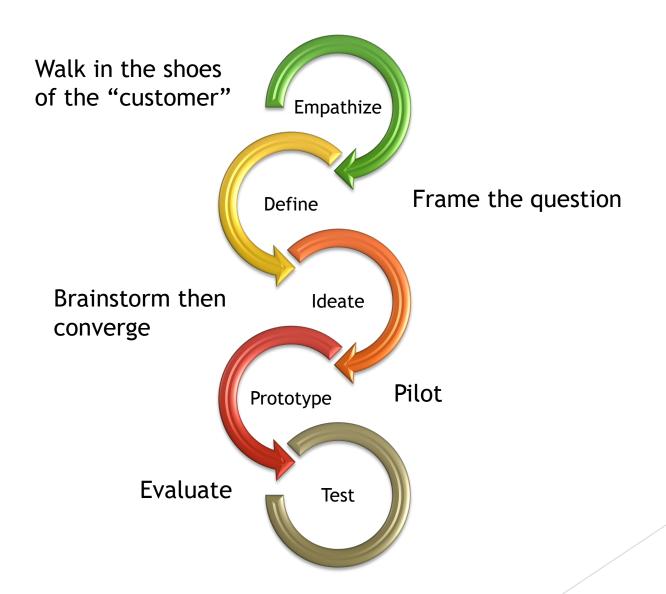
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### Human centered design



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### **Empathize**

#### **CBHC**

What have you learned about schools and school culture that you didn't know before?

#### **Schools**

► What have you learned about the **mental health system** that you didn't know before?



## Define the question

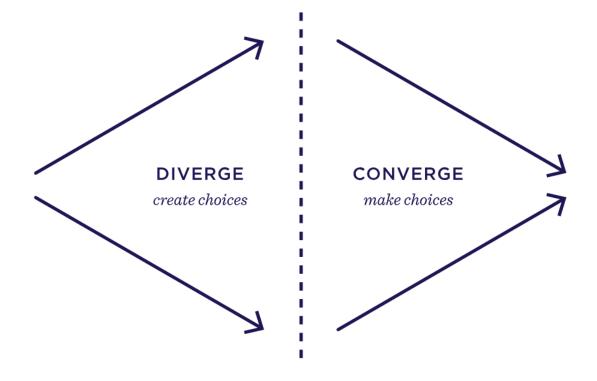
Handout on framing the design challenge

Work as a team to design the question using the template

#### Frame Your Design Challenge

What is the problem you're trying to solve?	o solve?				
Take a stab at framing this challenge as a question:					
. Now state the key outcome you're trying to achieve:					
Write down important aspects of the context or constraints that you need to consider: hese could be shifts that we need to see in the ecosystem around the user, or factors that are technological, eographic or time-based.					
. What are some possible solutions to your design question?					
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Does your original design question need a tweak? Try it again.					





Knowing what you know now, what if anything would you change or do differently about your project?



Prototype

#### **M&E Framework**

MONITOR AND EVALUATE
METHOD WORKSHEET

#### Test & Evaluate

- 1. Formalized partnerships between CBHCs/MBHUCP and School Partners so that youth can access needed behavioral health services
- 2. Reduced ED utilization
- 3. Fewer hospitalizations
- 4. Reduced police involvement at the schools, especially fewer calls to 911
- 5. Fewer school suspensions
- 6. Student and family reports of helpfulness of services

	Data Source How will it be measured?	Frequency How often will it be measured?	Baseline What is the current value?	Target What is the target value?	Action Who will use this data? When and how?
Outcomes					
Indicator 1					
Indicator 2					
Etc.					
Outputs					
Indicator 1					
Indicator 2					

#### School based behavioral health

Complex not complicated

### Make the complex simple

- Don't overcomplicate it
- Create frameworks rather than rigid manuals or overly prescriptive standards
- Develop guardrails so that people know the boundaries of what is and is not acceptable
- Allow enough flexibility for those in the system to adapt and make decisions that make sense given the evolving context
- Provide structure but permit creativity and adaptation

What are the minimum necessary ingredients for successful SBBH?

### THANK YOU!

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