

Framework for Action

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Purpose of TCSR

- Provide a forum for collaboration among and between practitioners, researchers and collaborators
- Build a “community of practice” around College Readiness and potentially other topics
- Provide opportunities for developing practitioner capacity in using research and conducting action research on local initiatives
- Increase the leadership value of research to address key problems of practice

What does “better research” mean?

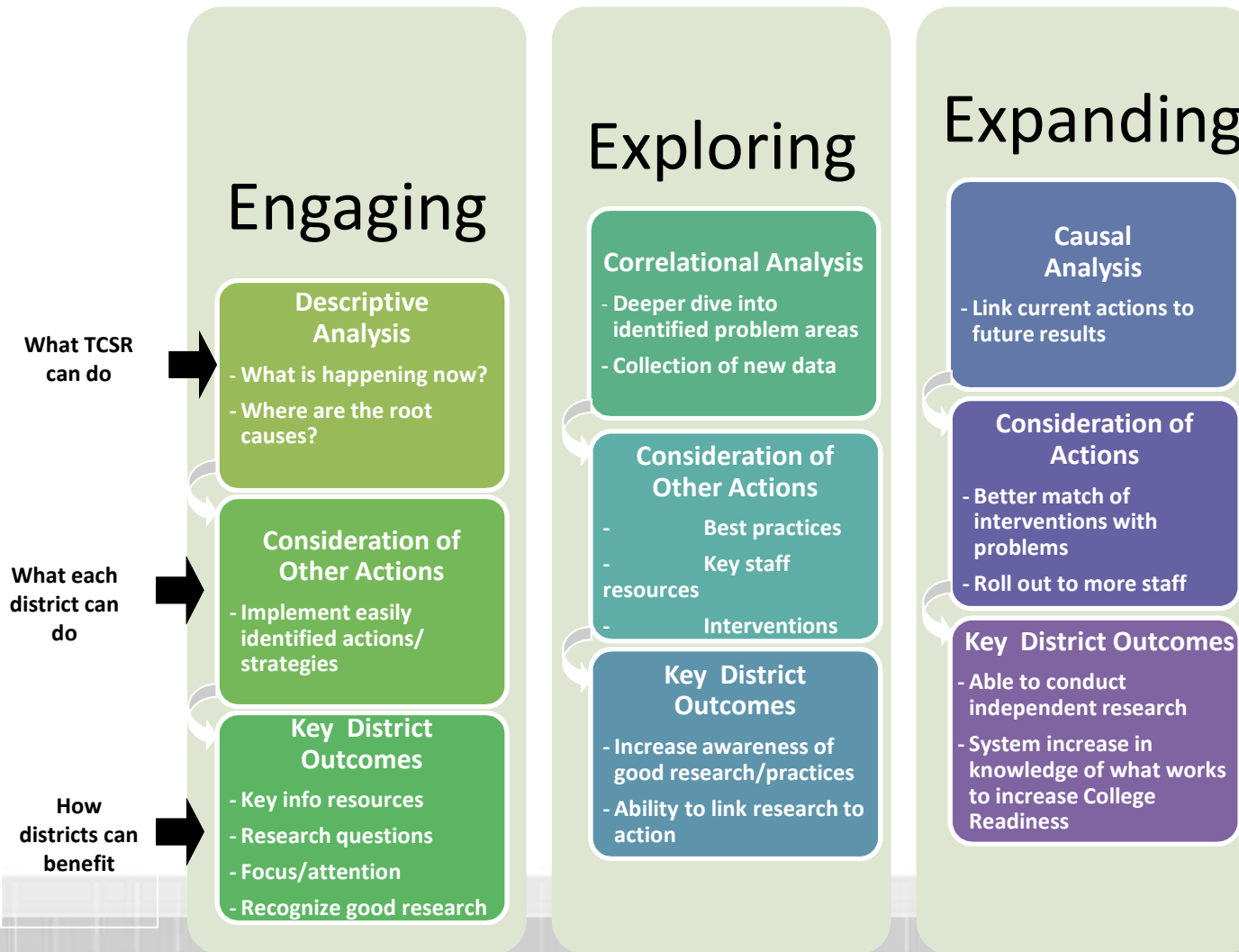
- In-depth analyses of local data to increase understanding
- Timely results that can effect action
- Targeted research relevant to problems of practice
- High quality research that can be trusted
- Trustworthy due to long-term relationships with researchers



District Self-assessment

- Does your leadership team value research as a key leadership tool and competency?
- Are there staff in your district whose job it is to find, synthesize, use or conduct research?
- To what extent does evidence-based research influence decisions your district makes?
- How do you know what works and what doesn't among your district's initiatives?

Approach to Capacity Building



Consortia Models

Many ways to organize a research consortium:

- Multi-district, organized topically
 - Multi-district, single topic
 - Multi-district, multiple topics
- Multi-district, organized geographically
 - By region
 - By affiliation

No need to be mutually exclusive!

TCSR is Distinct Among Consortia

- Action-oriented rather than only providing information
- Driven by district practitioners, not researchers
- Builds local leadership capacity to conduct and use research
- Identifies multiple solutions through exploring common questions across districts
- Scalable to many districts
- Sustainable because of capacity building
- Utilizes unique Texas data repository (UTD-ERC)

TCSR Serves Over 25% of Texas Students

TCSR Participating & Interested Districts

- Aldine ISD
- Austin ISD
- Beaumont ISD
- Brownsville ISD
- Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD
- Conroe ISD
- Corpus Christi ISD
- Cypress-Fairbanks ISD
- Dallas ISD
- El Paso ISD
- Fort Bend ISD
- Forth Worth ISD
- Galena Park ISD
- Grapevine-Colleyville ISD
- Harlingen CISD
- Houston ISD
- Humble ISD
- Kingsville ISD
- Klein ISD
- La Porte ISD
- Livingston ISD
- Lubbock ISD
- Manor
- North East ISD (San Antonio)
- Northside ISD (San Antonio)
- Plano ISD
- Richardson ISD
- Southwest ISD (San Antonio)
- Spring Branch ISD
- YES Preparatory Public Schools

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