

Implementing Digital Supports

In recognition of NDEAM, our team hosted and participated in several events to share best practices for embedding digital solutions in employment supports. There was a great deal of information shared throughout October, so in case you missed the action, we've put together this helpful summary infographic that breaks it all down into simple steps!

Brain in Hand

Summary

“ I think the sky really is the limit as long as people want to continue innovating. ”

- Fadzai Tande



1). Identify your unmet need:
Determine the problem that needs to be solved. Work closely with staff to understand their needs and their service users' needs.



2). Establish baselines early:
Outline and measure the most relevant metrics that will tell you whether your desired outcomes have been achieved.



3). Involve all relevant stakeholders:
Get people involved as early as possible to secure their buy-in and promote collaborative working.



4). Find a collaborative provider:
Work with a supplier who will target the solution to your specific needs and the idiosyncrasies of your service.



5). Consider local partnerships:
If you share pain points with other organisations such as your local CCG, there may be opportunities to work together.



6). Ensure your service is ready:
You will need a project sponsor, operational manager, innovation champions, and delivery staff.



7). Prepare each individual site:
Ensure all staff are ready to adopt the innovation and willing to adapt their way of working to make the most of it.



8). Promote the solution to your teams:
It's key to keep the solution front of mind for frontline staff who will be using it and referring service users.



9). Focus on early referrals:
There can be no chance of building a successful project if people aren't using the solution.



10). Take all the help you can get:
Leverage any existing initiatives within your organisation that might help you progress your project.



11). Celebrate qualitative successes:
Stories of the real difference that has been made to people's lives are extremely powerful.



12). Evaluate based on your specific objectives:
This will enable you to demonstrate that meaningful value has been delivered.

Next time you're looking to implement digital solutions, you can use this visual guide as a project checklist to set yourself and your organization up for success.

DIGITAL TOOLS IMPLEMENTATION CHECKLIST

Hot off the Press

QUALITY OF LIFE IMPACT OF BRAIN IN HAND / RESULTS OF AN INDEPENDENT CLINICAL STUDY

"Brain in Hand meets the minimum needed evidence of research effectiveness for the **highest** Tier (C) of the National Institute for

Health & Care Excellence ([NICE UK](#)) Standard Evidence Framework
for Health Digital Technologies"

-Professor Rohit Shankar MBE FRCPsych (Chief Investigator)-



What did researchers want to find out in this study?

To identify the impact of Brain in Hand on quality of life

To examine the impact of Brain in Hand on mental health

To discover how digital tools and 24/7 support impact on people's ability to manage difficult events and internal experiences

To discover if Brain in Hand could improve a person's self-awareness

[DOWNLOAD THE FULL REPORT HERE](#)

Innovation Forum: Leveraging Technology in Employment Services

Hosted by the Ontario Disability Employment Network (ODEN) and the KTT Hub powered by Community Living Essex County, we participated in a panel with other forward-thinking leaders in the Employment and Developmental Services sector to discuss promoting new ways of providing employment supports.



[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE FULL RECORDING](#)



Light It Up! For NDEAM® 10.20.22 Recap

117 cities and towns, 407 locations across Canada joined in for Light It Up For NDEAM 2022!

Let's keep the conversation and action going all year round!

For more info or to submit pictures or stories [click here](#)

BONUS

This year ODEN has added a **Business Sector Stream on Tuesday November 15.**

This is an exclusive opportunity for businesses and employers to develop or improve their disability awareness and confidence, learn from other businesses that are successfully implementing disability inclusive hiring and retention, and meet employment service providers who have the talent pool you need to gain that competitive edge for the future of work. Click [here](#) to register!

QUESTIONS? LET'S CONNECT!

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