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Implementation cycle: Managed or chaotic growth...When will it end?

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4. Abstract text:

a. Background & aims

This paper examines issues impacting the current evolvement of the DSP as it is being scaled up nationally. Factors and challenges affecting the scalability and sustainability will be examined using an ecological framework, with reference to contextual wellness of fit and degree of adaptability. Macro variables like current government policy, political will, funding availability, theoretical robustness interacting with the current preschool landscape will be discussed. This discussion would also include the 'How' issues addressed in the implementation process: availability of technical expertise, resources, and continual training communication among stakeholders, system readiness, administrative support, model integrity, and how these work to interact within the current landscape dynamically will also be examined.

b. Methods

The information was largely gathered through numerous continuing conversations with the implementation team and various stakeholders as the team seeks to plug the gap between the original program and at scale-up.

c. Conclusion

These implementation matters will be discussed systematically from an ecological perspective and from the context of a national child development program in Singapore.