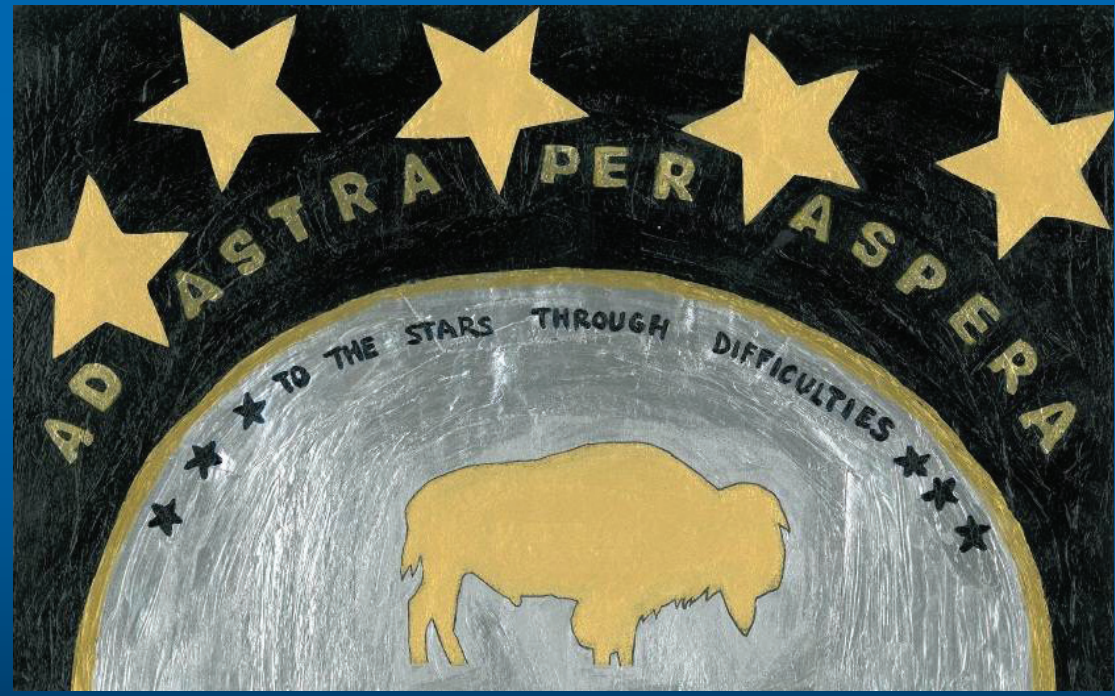


Telling the Story: Challenging Behavior and Person-Centered Planning Across Kansas Waivers



Mixed methods studies designed to evaluate Kansas Home and Community Based Waivers and an in-depth analysis of the Kansas Early Autism Waiver



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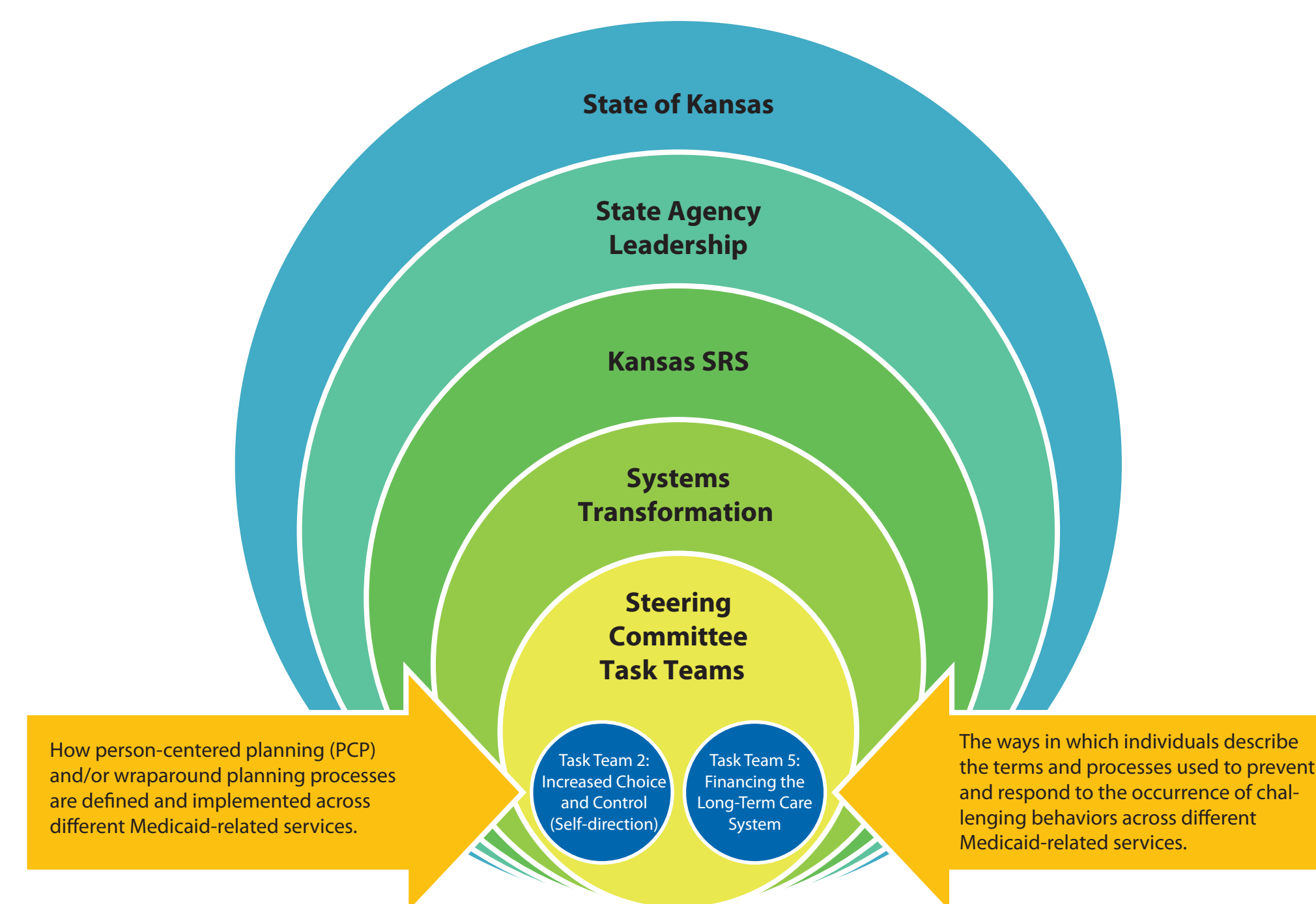
Introduction

Objectives

Kansas professionals in the Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) department requested from the Kansas Institute for Positive Behavior Support (KIPBS) two mixed methods studies evaluating person-centered planning and challenging behavior across seven Kansas waivers. The Medicaid-related waiver services in Kansas that are of interest in these studies include: Autism, Developmental Disabilities, Frail and Elderly, Mental Health, Physical Disabilities, Technology Assistance, Seriously Emotionally Disturbed, and Traumatic Brain Injury. Specifically, these studies will investigate:

1. The ways in which individuals **describe the terms and processes** used to prevent and respond to the occurrence of challenging behaviors across different Medicaid-related services and
2. How person-centered planning (PCP) and/or wraparound planning **processes are defined and implemented** across different Medicaid-related services.

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Population Studied

Individuals receiving waiver services, parents and guardians of individuals receiving waiver services, providers who work with individuals receiving waiver services, state professionals within Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), and other professionals and community members who may be involved in working, living, and communicating with and/or providing services to individuals receiving waiver services.



Design and Research Questions

STUDY DESIGN



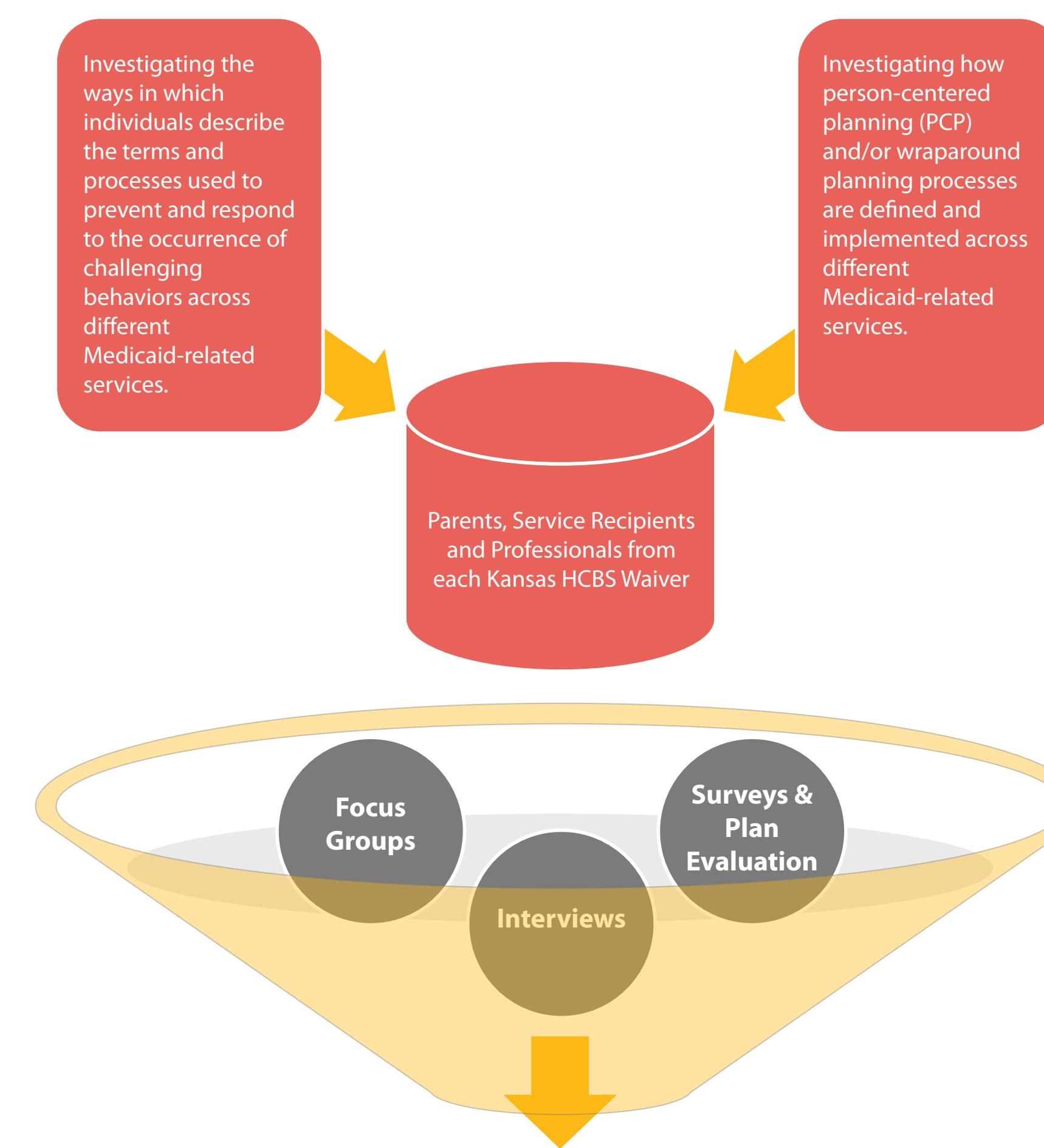
Challenging Behavior Study

- What are the terms and processes used to prevent and respond to challenging behavior across the different Medicaid-related services?
- What are the major strategies that are used to address the occurrence of challenging behavior in the state of Kansas?
- How effective are the strategies used to support individuals who engage in challenging behaviors?
- Are there major differences in the ways in which individuals receiving Medicaid-related services are given support when they engage in challenging behavior?
- What are the major strengths and weaknesses of behavioral support planning processes used in Kansas to improve quality of life and decrease problem behavior?
- How could the state of Kansas improve supports for individuals who engage in challenging behavior?

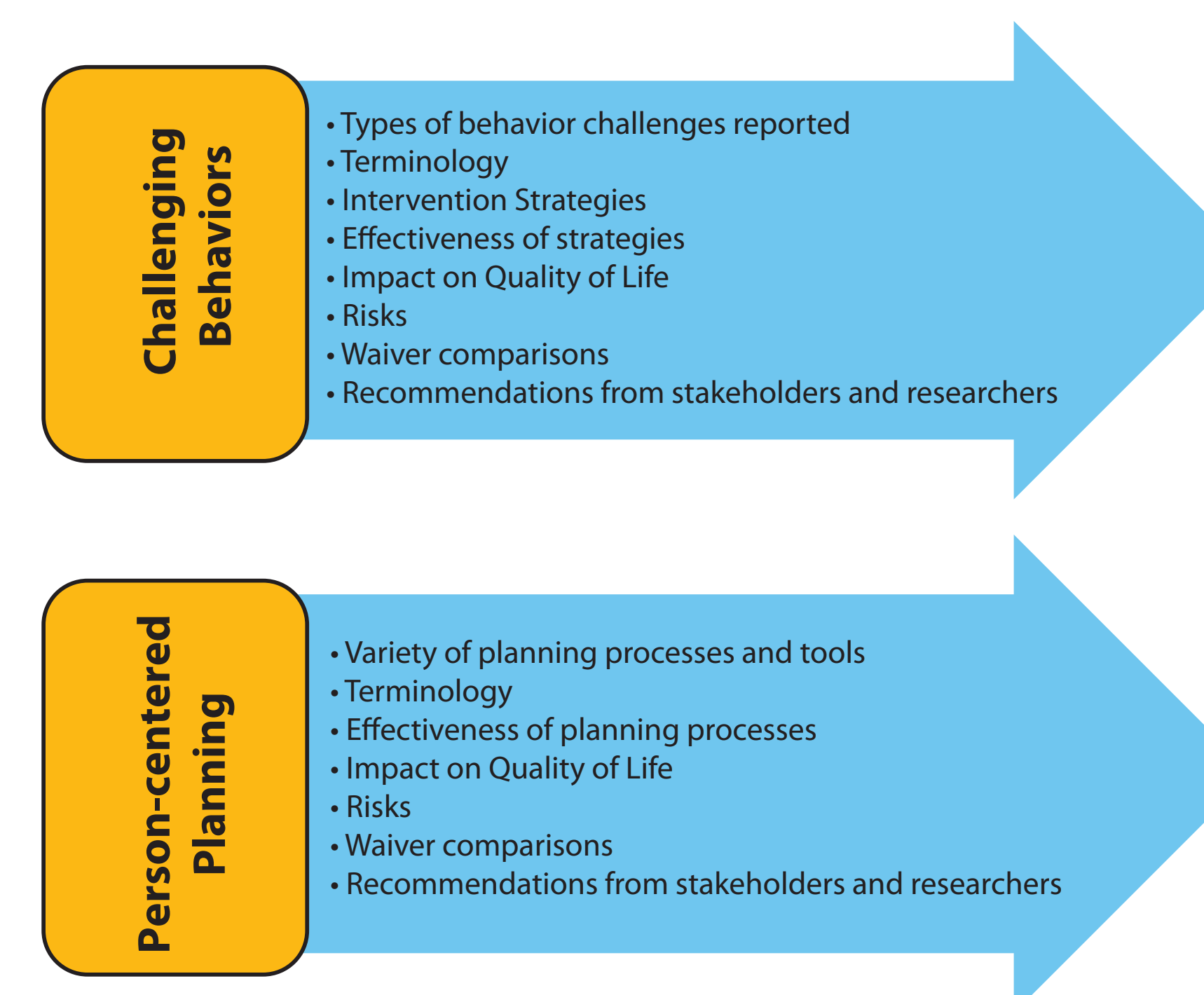
Person-Centered Planning Study

- How are PCP processes described by individuals who receive and/or provide services in the state of Kansas?
- What are the most common person-centered (and wraparound) planning processes that are used in the state of Kansas?
- How effective are the PCP and wraparound strategies?
- Are there major differences in the ways in which individuals receiving Medicaid-related services experience PCP or wraparound planning?
- What are the major strengths and weaknesses of PCP (and wraparound) processes used in Kansas to improve quality of life and coordinate services?
- How could the state of Kansas improve supports for individuals receiving PCP (or wraparound planning)?

Emerging Themes



Identification of Emerging Themes



Future Analysis

30 Online Surveys

Developmental Disabilities

- Consumers, Parents, Professionals

Physical Disabilities

- Consumers, Professionals

Seriously Emotionally Disturbed

- Parents, Professionals

Technical Assistance

- Parents, Professionals

Autism

- Parents, Professionals

Traumatic Brain Injury

- Parents, Professionals

Frail Elderly

- Consumers/Family Members, Professionals

Individual Plan Evaluation

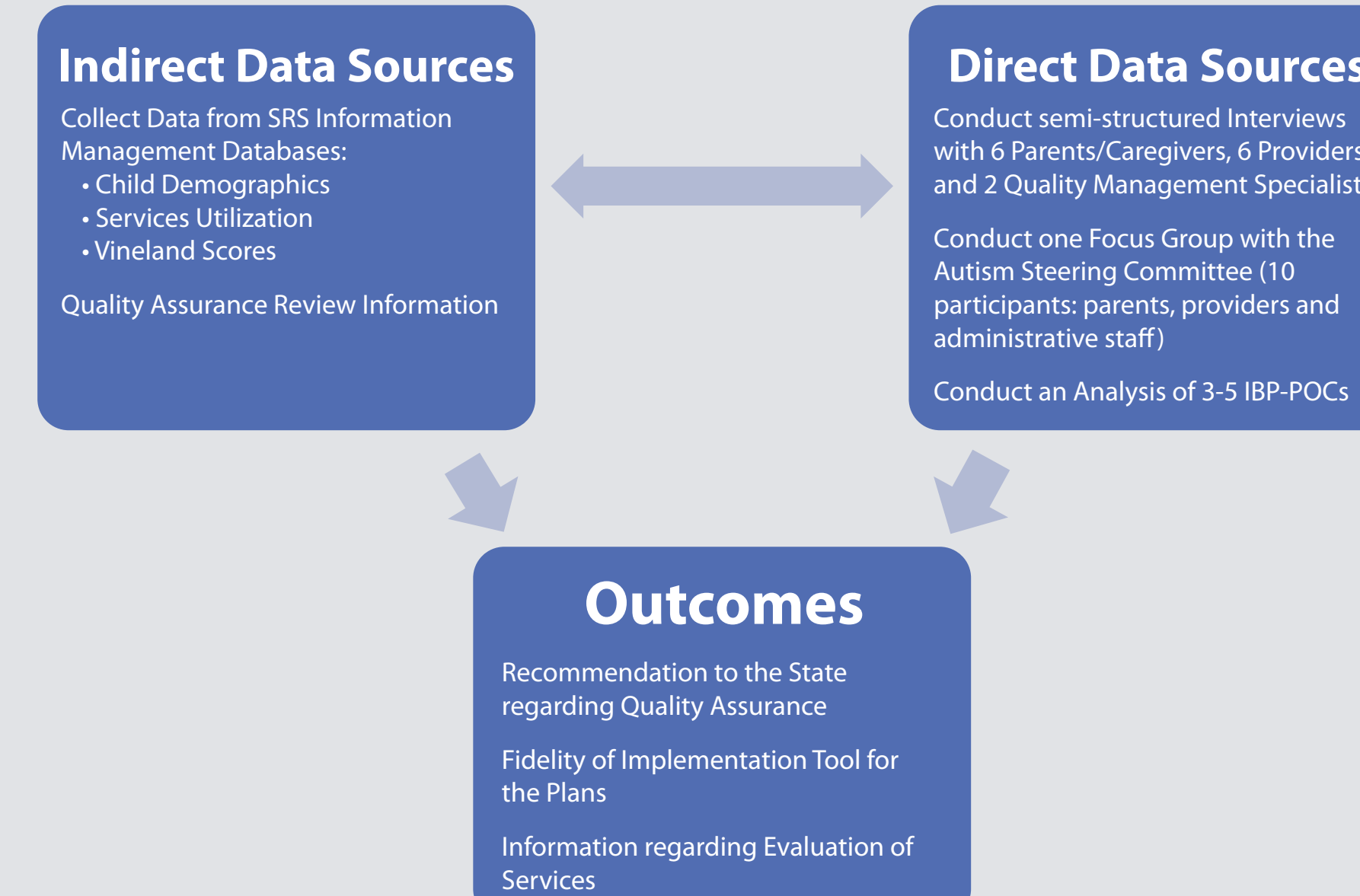
Two types of written behavioral plans to review include person-centered plans and positive behavior support plans. These plans are already available within the KIPBS project to review. The purpose of the review will be to evaluate the extent to which plans reflect the key features of PCP, wraparound, applied behavior analysis and/or positive behavior support using a tool called the *Person-centered Positive Behavior Support Checklist (PC-PBS Checklist)*. The impact of the plans will also be evaluated using the *KIPBS Impact Assessment*.

Further Thematic Analysis & Recommendations

Findings and recommendations will be shared with the two Systems Transformation teams and other SRS leaders.

Kansas Early Autism Stakeholder Evaluation

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The Kansas Early Autism Waiver is a newly developed and funded program (2008). It is designed to provide Early Intervention Services to children with Autism. Children on the waiver enter services before turning 6 years of age. The waiver currently serves 45 children.

Study Questions

1. What billing patterns are most common across categories of service?
2. Are there different patterns of billing by providers across the state?
3. Is there a relation between changes in the annual scores on the Vineland and billing patterns of providers?
4. Are there any patterns related to demographics of providers, billing patterns and/or Vineland scores?
5. What are the perceptions of key stakeholders regarding the effectiveness of the autism waiver program?

