

Culturally Responsive Measurement of Protective Factors with Community-Designed Programs

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Background

King County's Best Starts for Kids levy funded this project based on feedback from home and community-based service partners about the lack of culturally relevant tools that measure program outcomes for families.



This project aligns with Best Starts':

- Values of equitable evaluation principles
- Support of culturally and linguistically specific programming
- Responsiveness to community partners
- Focus on building protective factors that equitably advance health and well-being for families

Project Goals

- 1 Develop a culturally relevant multilingual tool to measure protective factors for families with children under the age of five in King County
- 2 Build evidence for community-designed home-based services impact
- 3 Demonstrate value of culturally responsive evaluation for other large system-change or publicly funded initiatives

The protective factors were those identified by the Center for the Study of Social Policy's Strengthening Families framework:



Methods

The Protective Factors Survey 2 (PFS-2) was selected for adaptation (from the FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention).

Community-Driven Survey Adaptation Elements



Implementation

Benefits of Diverse Perspectives on Council

- Allowed for rich dialogue of relevant early learning topics
- Provided a space of learning to build off ideas
- Inspired creativity to better serve families
- Resulting survey that resonates with diverse communities

Benefits of Project to Council Members

- Opportunity for active listening & learning from other practitioners
- Educational experience of learning about other cultures from one's own
- Professional development on culturally responsive survey adaptation & testing

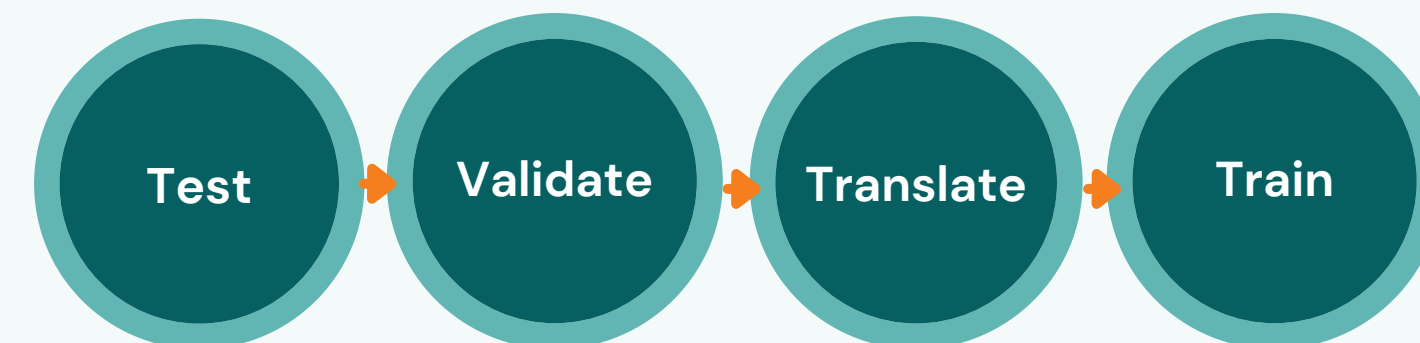
Key Survey Adaptations



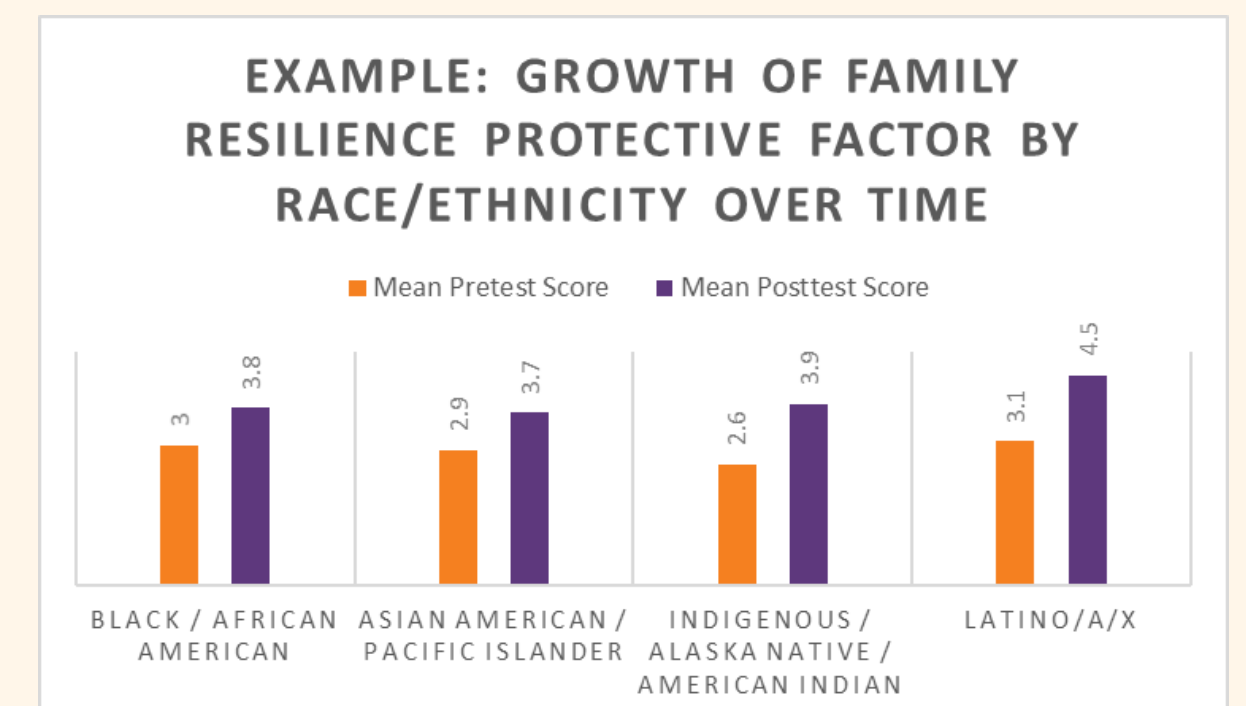
- Family Resilience items to align with varied conceptions of resilience
- Returned to Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development from original tool's Nurturing & Attachment subscale
- Minor adjustments to Concrete Supports, Social Supports, and Parent/Caregiver + Program Staff Relationship
- Preserved varying item directions and retrospective & traditional formats
- Standardized answer scales & added a 'prefer not to answer' option
- Demographic section to include more identities
- Implementation guide to provide more "wraparound support"

The final adapted 20-item tool was named the Protective Factors - King County Survey (PF-KCS) to honor the families for whom it was developed.

Next steps in 2022



Survey in Home Visiting Practice



Survey Uses According to the Council

- Help get more funding
- Develop better programs
- Surface topics and challenges to discuss with families

Other Potential Survey Uses

- After 12 minimum service hours, analyze changes in protective factors
- Use survey to compliment a strengths-based approach