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Researchers and practitioners are often working to improve practices both within their own organizations as well as in community settings—away from the highly controlled environments of labs. Often in these real-world settings where children and their caregivers are engaged, include childcare centers, pediatric clinics, schools, and places of faith. For the 18th issue of JARC, the CHILDREN AT RISK Institute is seeking manuscripts describing the challenges faced when implementing new programs and practices aimed at impacting children and families within community settings, tried/tested solutions to these challenges, and related policy implications. Implementation work is hard and it is far too common of a practice to not fully describe the challenges encountered, to only talk about the successes and not what it took to get there. Consequently, new program administrators and researchers are continuously “reinventing the wheel” and “learning the hard way” versus learning, anticipating, and innovating from the previous work of their peers and leaders. The intention of this issue is to provide a space for those working in the trenches to discuss the realities of their work to help better inform future interventionists, funders, and leaders.

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