

## **WEEK 11 – IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILD & ADOLESCENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY**

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And of course, Dr. Levin insists on ending every weekly lecture podcast with now infamous Implications for Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Policy. We have talked a lot about what goes into implementation plan. This is another way to illuminate the black box of policy making. Information goes in, something happens that we don't see, and, voila, implementation is accomplished.

Although we know that it is not how it works, there is a persistent myth that policy is somehow to blame for failed systems. We would argue that it is poor implementation that is to blame for failed policy. Poor implementation is damaging to people, programs, resources, and governments.

We hope this lecture shows you the complexity involved in implementation, and that you turn a more critical eye toward the process at how you might help affect better implementation plans and processes.