

TRANSLATING RESEARCH TO PRACTICE

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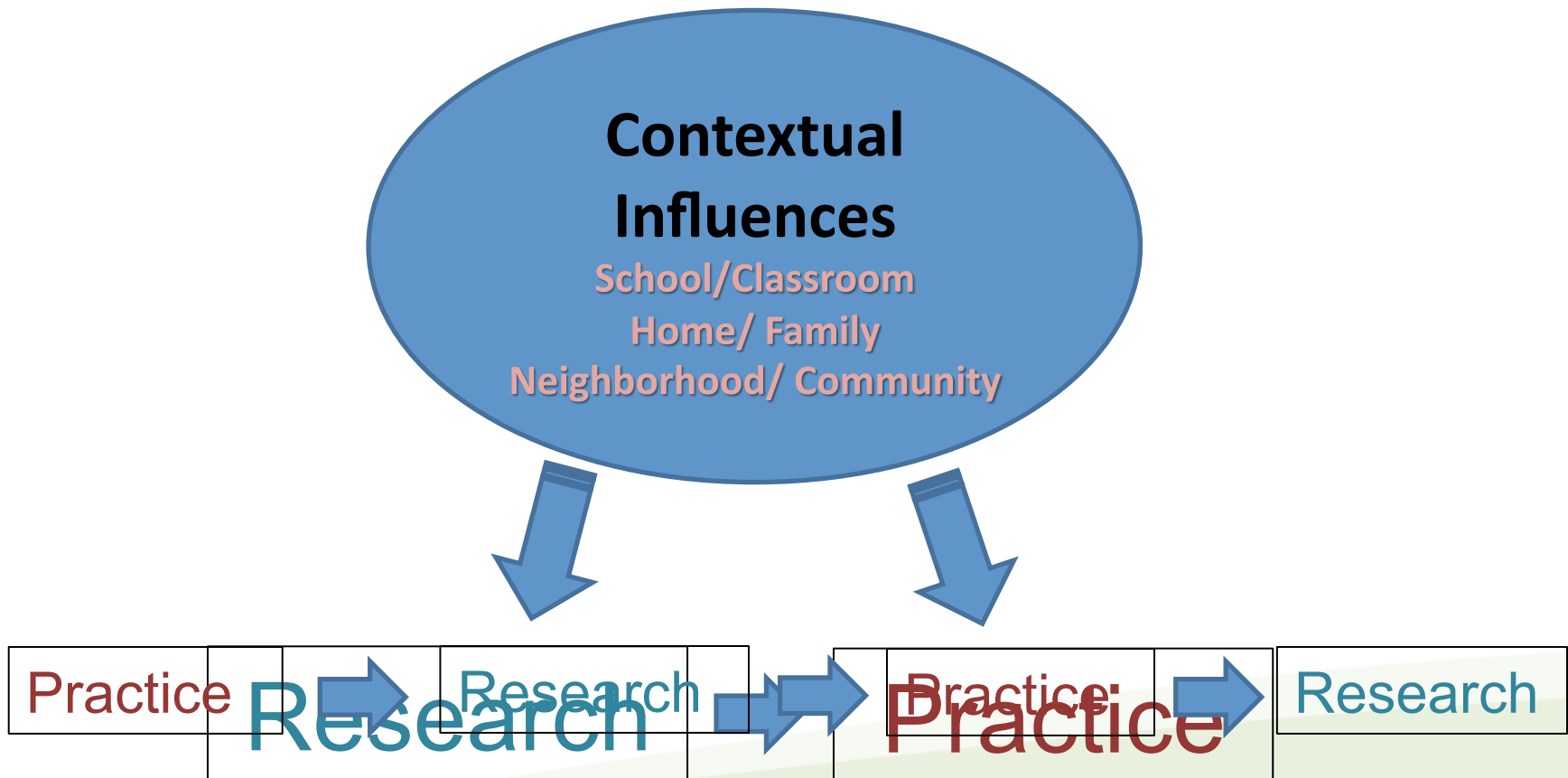
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The Need for Applied Research

- Historical Precedence
- Applied Nature of Education Research
- Increased Demand
 - NCLB

Applied Research in Context



Applied Research at JHU

- **Focus on Partnerships for Over 20 Years**
 - **How can educators develop programs to engage all families and community partners so that more students succeed in school?**



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1987 - 1992

- Identify, implement, and evaluate successful practices in schools
 - Theory of Overlapping Sphere's of Influence
 - Epstein's Framework of Five Types of Involvement

Lessons Learned (1987 - 1992)

- Don't forget Community
 - Framework of Six Types of Involvement
- It's not a project, it's a process
 - Action Team Approach
- Plan and Focus
 - One-Year Action Plans

The National Network of Partnership Schools

1996 - Present

- **Open to Schools, School Districts, State Departments, and Organizations**
- **Provide Training and Resources**
- **Organized, Goal-Focused Programs**
- **Collect Program Data Annually**

Lessons Learned from NNPS

- **An Interest and Need Exists**
 - 1500 schools
 - 150 school district members
- **Sustainability Requires a Systemic Approach**
- **Principal Support is Essential**
- **Program Evaluation Aids Program Development**

Principals are Critical

Findings:

- Change in Leadership is Disruptive
- Principal Support is Necessary
 - Vision and Direction
 - Allocation of Resources

Translation to Practice:

- Training on the Role of Principals
- *Principals Matter*

Evaluation

Findings:

- Annual Program Evaluation
- Evaluation of Activities

Translation to Practice

- Training about Conducting Program Evaluation
- Webinars for District Leaders
- Book Chapters About Conducting Evaluation

From Pilot Project to National Program

Challenges

- **Control**
 - Change Happens
 - Implementation Varies
- **Competing Priorities of Schools and Districts**
 - Testing pressures
 - Focus on classroom pressures
- **Heterogeneity**
 - One size cannot fit all

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