## Why Is Design & Consultation Support Important?

Design and consultation support is an important part of the broader mix of ICTP implementation support activities for three reasons. First, ICTP ISPs may not have mandates or roles as active participants in individual/team behavior change or organizational/system performance improvement with all system partners. Such intensive support roles can take particularly long to develop with partners at higher levels of statewide service administration, where systems and partnerships can be more complex. Design and consultation support offers participants and ISPs less intensive ways to advance implementation and scale-up outcomes through discrete activities developed under more limited working agreements.

Second, in conjunction with tailored implementation support activities at regional levels, design and consultation support activities at statewide levels may contribute to a more hospitable system environment for Triple P scale-up. When statewide policies, plans, and processes reflect effective implementation strategies and practices, such strategies and practices become more doable, achievable, repeatable, and sustainable at regional levels. Conversely, when statewide policies, plans, and processes do not align with effective implementation practices, it becomes challenging for statewide leaders and administrators to communicate, model, and reinforce the actions and behaviors needed for success and sustainability across all system partners.

Finally, not all system partners may need tailored implementation support. When regional or state partners have demonstrated the abilities to self-regulate effective implementation practices and sustain desired levels of implementation performance, design and consultation support offers a way for ICTP ISPs to step back and blend into partners’ more general support system. This allows regional and state partners to reach out to ISPs and others for support only when they need it and to not become dependent on ISPs for ongoing regulation of effective implementation efforts.

Although the goals of design and consultation support differ from those of tailored implementation support at the regional level, ICTP practice theory, values, and principles should be reflected in practice activities across all forms of support.