

WHAT IT TAKES TO BUILD OR BEND A FIELD OF PRACTICE

Shared Knowledge Base	Common ideas, research base, building and sharing knowledge, and communities of practice.
Common set of ideas that research base can support	
Credible evidence that practice achieves desired outcomes	
Community of researchers to study and advance practice	
Vehicles to collect, analyze, debate and disseminate knowledge	
Sharing knowledge to help shape common beliefs and build a network of supporters	
Creating incentives for sharing knowledge	
Standards of Practice	Codification of standards, exemplary models, resources to support implementation, credentialing/training
Codification of standards of practice, defining key terms, articulating core values/principles, etc.	
Exemplary models	
Available resources to support implementation	
Facilitating the inclusion of standards into existing bodies of work	
Respected credentialing, ongoing professional development or training opportunities to expand base of practitioners	
Network of Leaders	Influential leaders, exemplary organizations, broad base of support, shared values, across disciplines/fields, network infrastructure
Influential leaders and exemplary organizations across different sectors/roles	
Broad base of support from major constituencies	
Surfacing shared values, among early collaborators and beyond	
Actors from across different disciplines and fields of work	
Network infrastructure – space for and many examples of broader collaboration underway	
Funding & Policy	Enabling policy environment, organized funding streams across public and private, your organization’s role within
Enabling policy environment that supports and encourages model practices	
Organized funding streams from public, philanthropic and corporate sources	
Identification of your own organization’s clear opportunities to act within the field	

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