

# Comprehensive Technical Assistance to Support Program Outcomes



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# Grantees have mixed capacities for data collection, evaluation, and reporting



SIZE



STAFF COMPOSITION  
AND EXPERTISE

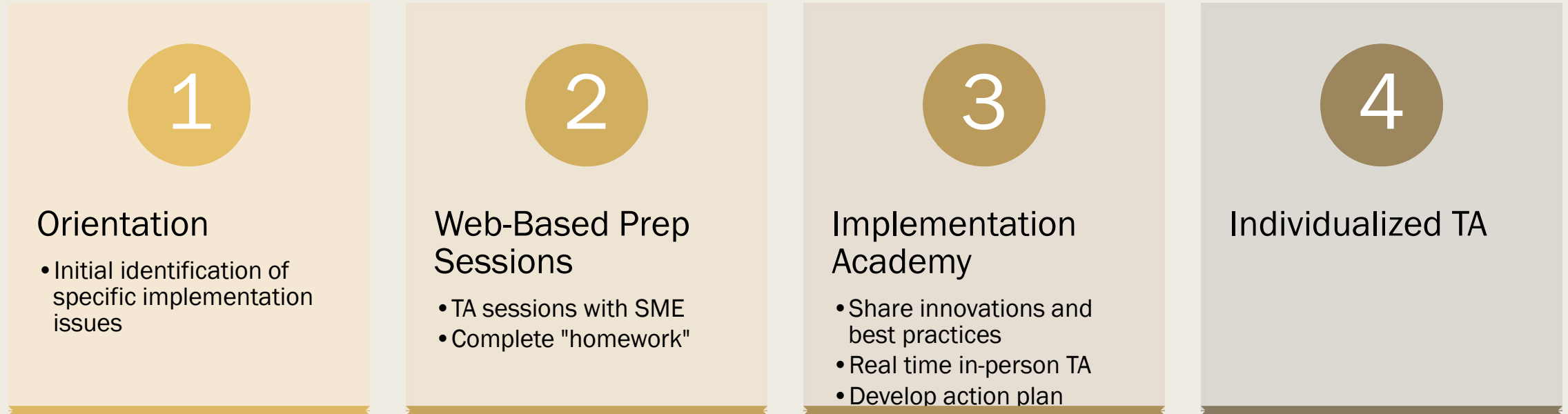


TECHNOLOGICAL AND  
FINANCIAL RESOURCES

# Comprehensive Technical Assistance can build capacity among grantees and strengthen program outcomes

- Typical TA provides “on-demand” assistance for specific problems
- Comprehensive TA is a proactive, long-term approach
  - *Ensures grantees have access to expertise and guidance*
  - *Aligns grantees around measurement of priority outcomes and common data elements*
  - *Provides opportunities to share best practices among grantees*

# Example: SAMHSA Servicemembers, Veterans, and Their Families (SMVF) Technical Assistance



## Objectives:

- Deepening understanding of and familiarity with a specific issue
- Gaining an understanding of promising, best, and evidence-based practices to address the issue
- Increasing knowledge about the challenges and lessons learned in implementing strategies through team-to-team sharing
- Expanding the components of existing strategic plans that focus on the issue, including defining assignments, deadlines, and measurable outcomes to be reported

# Designing a Comprehensive TA Approach

- **Virtual workshops** on evaluation design, data collection, data analysis, and communication
- **1-on-1 TA for grantees**
  - *Planning process and outcome evaluations*
  - *Finding appropriate measures*
  - *IRB applications*
  - *Designing and reviewing evaluation protocols and surveys*
  - *Advising on data analysis*
  - *Brainstorming and troubleshooting*
- **Evaluation support tools**, such as a catalogue of process and outcome measures
- **Community of practice** with opportunities for shared learning