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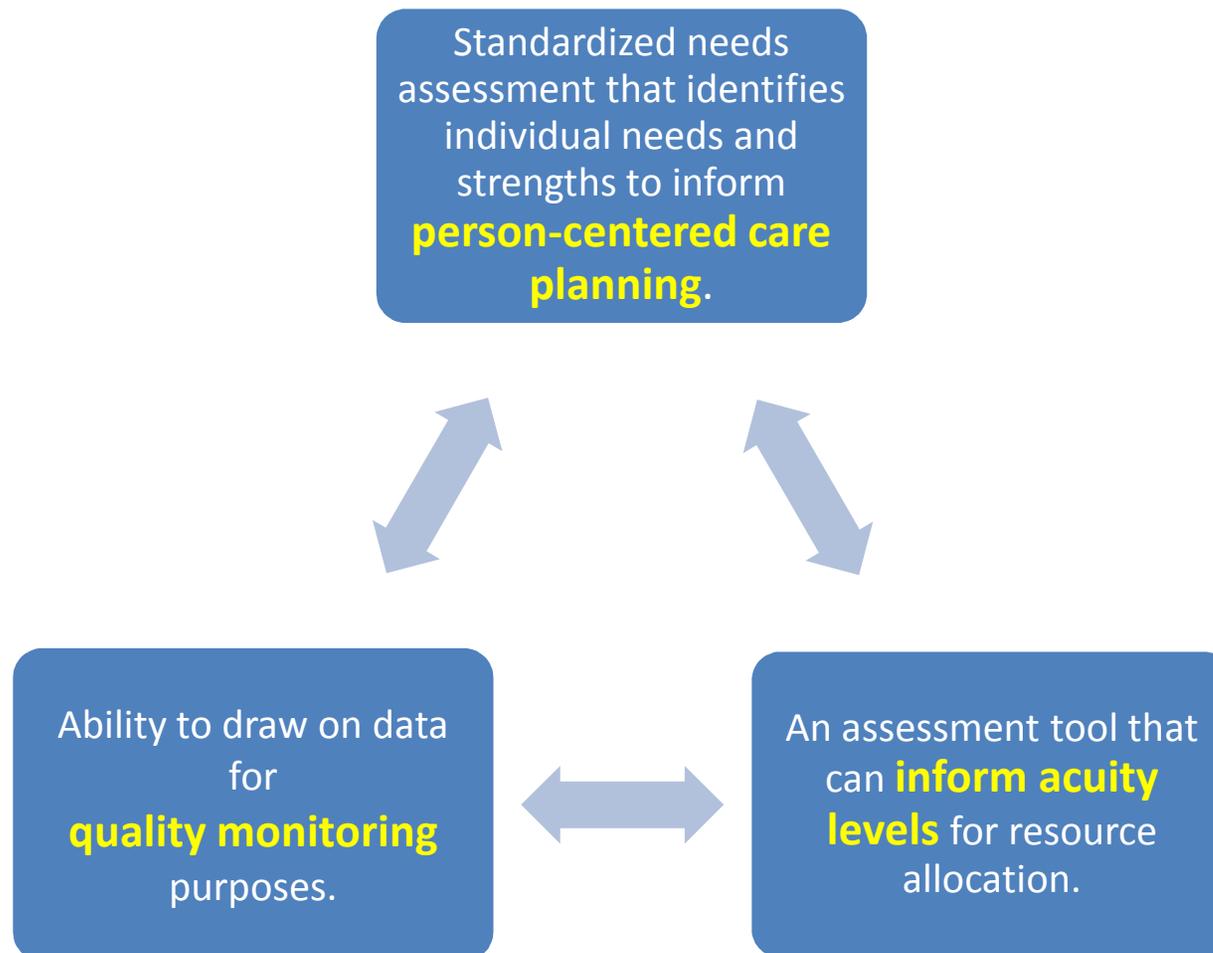
Final Design Team Recommendations

A statewide needs assessment tool should be:

- ✓ Person-centered while identifying individual strengths, needs, and interests
- ✓ Standardized, normed, and validated
- ✓ Comprehensive and holistic including multiple domains
- ✓ Flexible with an ability to be adapted to fit individuals' changing needs
- ✓ Able to inform a person-centered care plan
- ✓ Supportive of “no wrong door” approach



People First Waiver Goals





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After the Design Team...

- Focused research process on assessment tools that met the majority of the Design Team's Recommendations
- Learned of DOH Uniform Assessment System (UAS) and the interRAI Intellectual Disabilities tool
- Attended DOH presentations on their UAS system



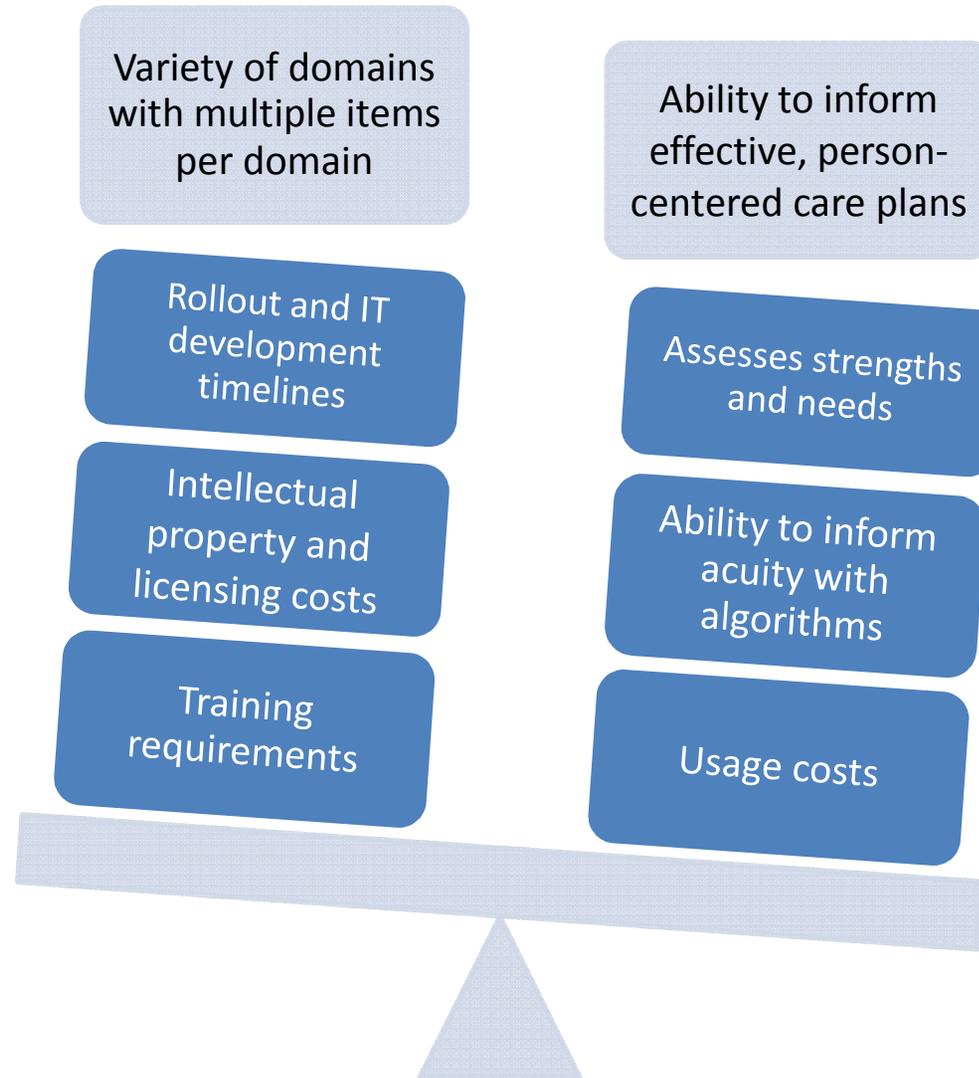
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After the Design Team...

- Contacted developers of each tool
- Spoke with states piloting or utilizing various tool(s) statewide
- Compared tools and evaluated strengths and weaknesses



Considerations in Comparison





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Tools of Focus

- interRAI Assessment Suite
- Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) supplemented by Health Risk Screening Tool (HRST)
- Developmental Disabilities Profile-2 (DDP-2)
- ANSA (Adult version of CANS)

After research and thorough consideration of the costs and benefits of each tool, the **interRAI Assessment Suite** became a tool of interest.



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Who is interRAI?

- International, non-profit research consortium
- 64 members from 32 nations
- Goals:
 - Develop comprehensive, person-centered assessment instruments to enhance the quality of life and care of persons served by public systems
 - Promote evidence-based clinical practice and policy decisions
 - Create common measures to gather consistent information on what works to improve an individual's quality of life



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Overview of interRAI Developmental Disabilities Tool

- 16 areas of information gathered, such as Education Employment and Recreation, Lifestyle and Health Status
- Interview with individual and other sources:
 - Direct observations
 - Staff/clinicians
 - Family and friends
 - Records (e.g. ISPs, habilitation plans, IPOPs, medical records)



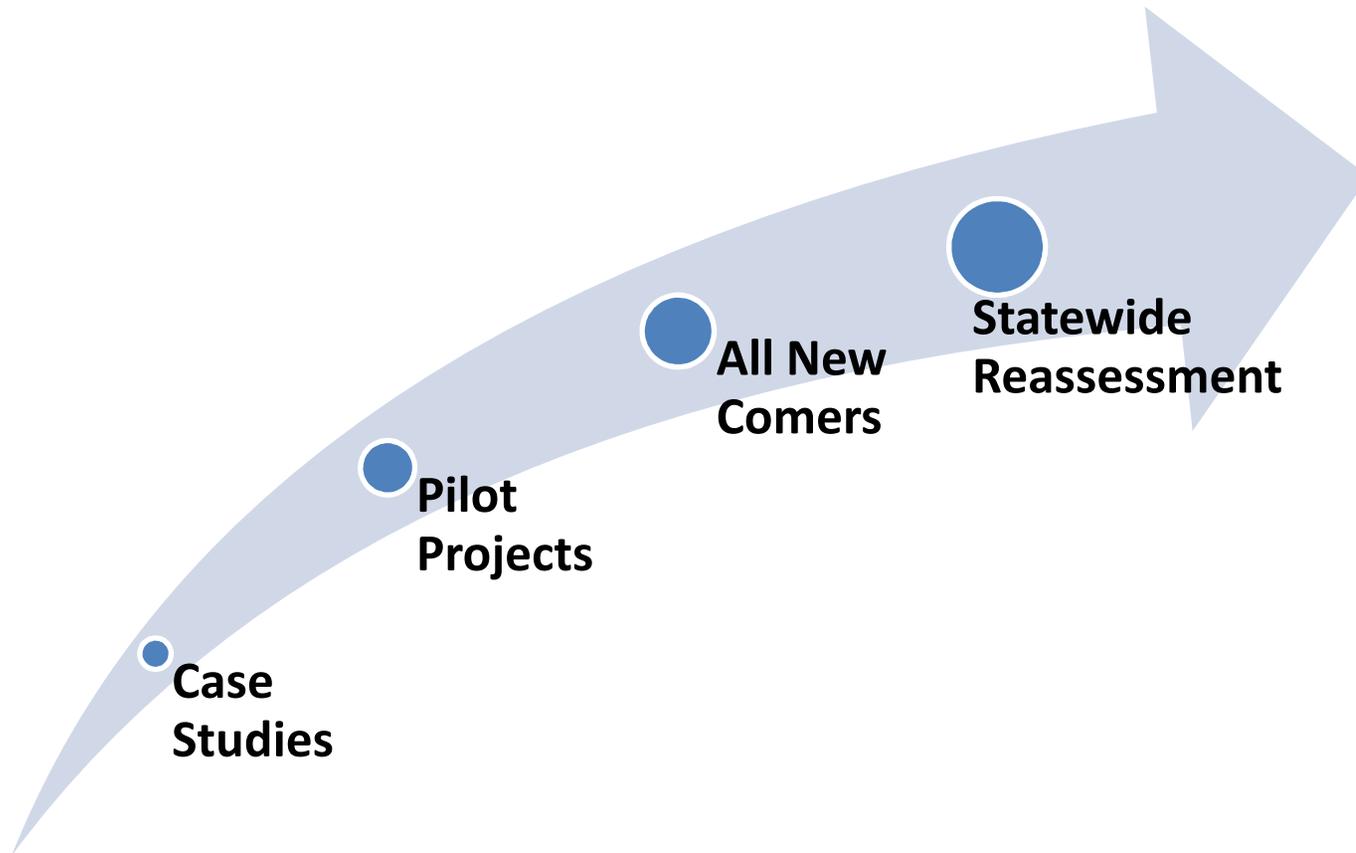
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interRAI Assessment Suite

- ✓ **Person-centered, strengths and needs-based**
- ✓ **Standardized**
- ✓ **Strong validity/reliability**
 - Each item is highly researched and tested
- ✓ **Comprehensive and holistic**
 - Multiple domains and items, with no need to supplement HRST
- ✓ **Flexibility**
 - Can customize the tool by modifying or adding necessary items per domain
- ✓ **Informs care planning process**
- ✓ **Informs acuity**



Rolling Out New Needs Assessment





Focused Case Studies

Purpose – *to immediately begin to test key reform concepts on a small scale*

Tested concepts – *assessment tool, care planning process, documentation practices, new measures of individual outcomes, global budgeting*

Participating Agencies – *high performing agencies*

Schedule - *One year of study beginning with CMS approval, formal evaluation*



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Important Next Steps...

- Pilot the interRAI ID tool during proposed Case Studies pending waiver application approval
- Objectives:
 - Evaluate the tool's effectiveness in informing person-centered care plans for individuals with DD
 - Begin development of a training program for assessors to ensure high inter-rater reliability



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Questions and Answers