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Guidance Document - The role of the NFP licensee |2019.05.03

This guidance has been provided by the International NFP team to clarify the role of the licensee and to support decision making both in new countries and where structures are changing.

The term licensee refers to the person or organisation who has been granted the NFP/FNP license to replicate NFP/FNP in that country or provinceⁱ by the licensor i.e. University of Colorado, Denver (UCD). There will be a named licensee who has overall responsibility for implementing NFP/FNP with fidelity and quality and reporting to UCD.

We greatly value the role of the licensee and their contribution to international collaboration and leadership in that country. As our partners, they have a key role in guiding NFP through a thoughtful process of testing and adapting the program to the needs of their vulnerable children and families and the service systems in their country, as well as sharing their learning with the international community. When we license a new country, we look for a senior leader in a national / provincial organisation who can link NFP to policy, who appreciates the need to build the evidence and who understands fidelity and the role of nurses and nursing leadership in realising program benefits.

The licensee's and licensor's contractual responsibilities are set out in the license which includes:

- Implementation according to Core Model Elements through the four phases of international replication (adaptation, testing and evaluation, RCT and replication and expansion)
- Requirements for research, information and communication
- Intellectual property responsibilities
- Provision of materials, guidance and advice

The licensee role may be separate from the national /provincial implementation team with the latter being responsible for implementation with fidelity through its provision of clinical leadership, nurse education and consultation to sites, the information system, quality improvement, evaluation and research.

We have learnt that where the program works well, the licensee:

- Secures long-term policy support and policy alignment for NFP
- Provides strategic leadership for the program and chairs a national group to oversee policy, quality and research

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- Works with UCD to review quality and fidelity through the annual report and annual review meeting
- Provides sufficient resources (either directly or delegated through contracts) for an in-country national/provincial implementation team
- Develops processes to monitor the quality of the implementation team's work
- Secures funds to pay for the license and support services from UCD on an annual basis
- Facilitates collaborative relationships between the implementation team, policy makers and national leaders in nursing, maternal and child health, child protection, public health and the international team at UCD
- Puts in place governance and accountability structures to ensure program fidelity
- Contributes to developing and implementing international programme improvements

As the licensor, the International NFP team will provide the licensee with:

- Timely guidance, advice and support for working through the four phases of the program
- information regarding current and ongoing NFP international research
- Information and guidance in relation to international new NFP developments and learning, with guidance on embedding this into the program.
- Support to review the quality of replication in their country on an annual basis through the annual report and review meeting.

ⁱ In Canada the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia are licensed separately.