

Figure 1

Determinants - 3

ASK: What can influence effective implementation of your stigma reduction intervention?

TIPS: Determinants are *factors* that make implementation easier or harder. Even if the strategies you pick will not address all of them, you want a comprehensive list of determinants. Consider factors both inside and outside your setting, as well as characteristics of the people involved in implementation, what your chosen intervention looks like, and what processes are already in place that can help implementation.

TOOLS: Review **Table 2** for potential determinants, links to the Organizational Readiness Tool, and further considerations.

Implementation Strategies - 4

ASK: How will you get systems, programs, and/or staff to use the intervention? Are the strategies you chose specific to your determinants?

TIPS: Strategies are *actions* you will take to achieve your implementation outcomes, the “how” of implementation. They address your determinants, leveraging facilitators and addressing barriers. Ideally, they will address multiple levels and approaches (e.g., planning, education, finance, restructuring, quality management, and policy). Being specific about your rationale will improve staff and client engagement and adherence.

TOOLS:
1) Select the determinants to target: Prioritize addressing determinants in the Organizational Readiness Tool that scored below 3.
2) Choose implementation strategies: Different methods can be used, including a determinants-strategies matching tool, reviewing literature on strategies, or consulting evidence syntheses.
3) Strategy specification: Determine the Actor, Action, Temporality, Dose, Outcome, Target, and Justification for each strategy selected.

Mechanisms - 5

ASK: Why do the strategies you picked work to affect your implementation outcomes?

TIPS: A mechanism is the *process* through which your strategies work to achieve your outcomes. They reflect something that will change, often related to determinants, before your outcomes can be achieved. You should consider why your strategies will work before you use them.

TOOLS: Review examples of how mechanisms fit within three potential stigma implementation scenarios in **Figure 2**. These mechanisms included increasing awareness, motivation, self-efficacy, and buy-in.

Outcomes - 2

ASK: What changes will happen in your setting that will tell you if implementation of a new stigma reduction intervention occurred?

TIPS: Outcomes are the *result* of your strategies. These outcomes are changes that will tell you whether your intervention is being used or is more likely to be used in the future. Identify data sources that can measure outcomes (e.g. EMR, interviews, enrollment and program data, focus groups, client satisfaction and staff surveys, etc.)

TOOLS:
1) Use the HIV Implementation Outcomes Crosswalk to select and operationalize outcomes according to implementation phase. When preparing for implementation, use 3 measures to assess likelihood of adoption of the stigma reduction intervention that can be collected at the level of site leadership, implementing staff, and/or clients (see “AIM,IAM,FIM” tab). During implementation/scale up, assess a broader set of outcomes (e.g. reach).
2) Alternatively, outcomes can be discussed and decided on using questions found in the RE-AIM Planning Tool.

Stigma Reduction Interventions - 1

ASK: What is the intervention you will implement or scale up to reduce stigma? How did you decide to use it?

TIPS: It may be helpful to describe why you think the intervention will work to reduce stigma and what the key components are. Interventions should be decided on with clients, and stigmas that intersect with HIV stigma (e.g. racism, heterosexism) should be considered.

TOOLS: 1) Complete the Stigma Reduction Organizational Readiness Tool in Appendix 2 to assess your preparedness to implement stigma reduction. If you rate low on any areas, implement these first as these are key facilitators. 2) Review **Table 1** for a list of stigma-reduction interventions you can select from.

ASK: Are services delivered respectfully?

TIPS: Assess for changes in enacted stigma, if the site is welcoming, and equity in policies and procedures.
TOOLS: Use stigma surveys and qualitative input.

ASK: Are clients reporting less stigma?

TIPS: Stigma and HIV data used together to set goals.
TOOLS: Use stigma surveys and qualitative input.

Implementation Outcomes

Service Outcomes
Client Outcomes

Underlined words refer to external resources in Appendix 1 that may be helpful in developing one’s logic model. If a word is both underlined and bolded it refers to tools that emerged directly from the STAR Mapping Project in New York City. Red numbers indicate suggested order of completing the model.

Figure 2

Figure 2. Three potential pathways for how a chosen stigma reduction intervention is implemented, with a focus on demonstrating the importance of mechanisms for translating implementation strategies into implementation outcomes.

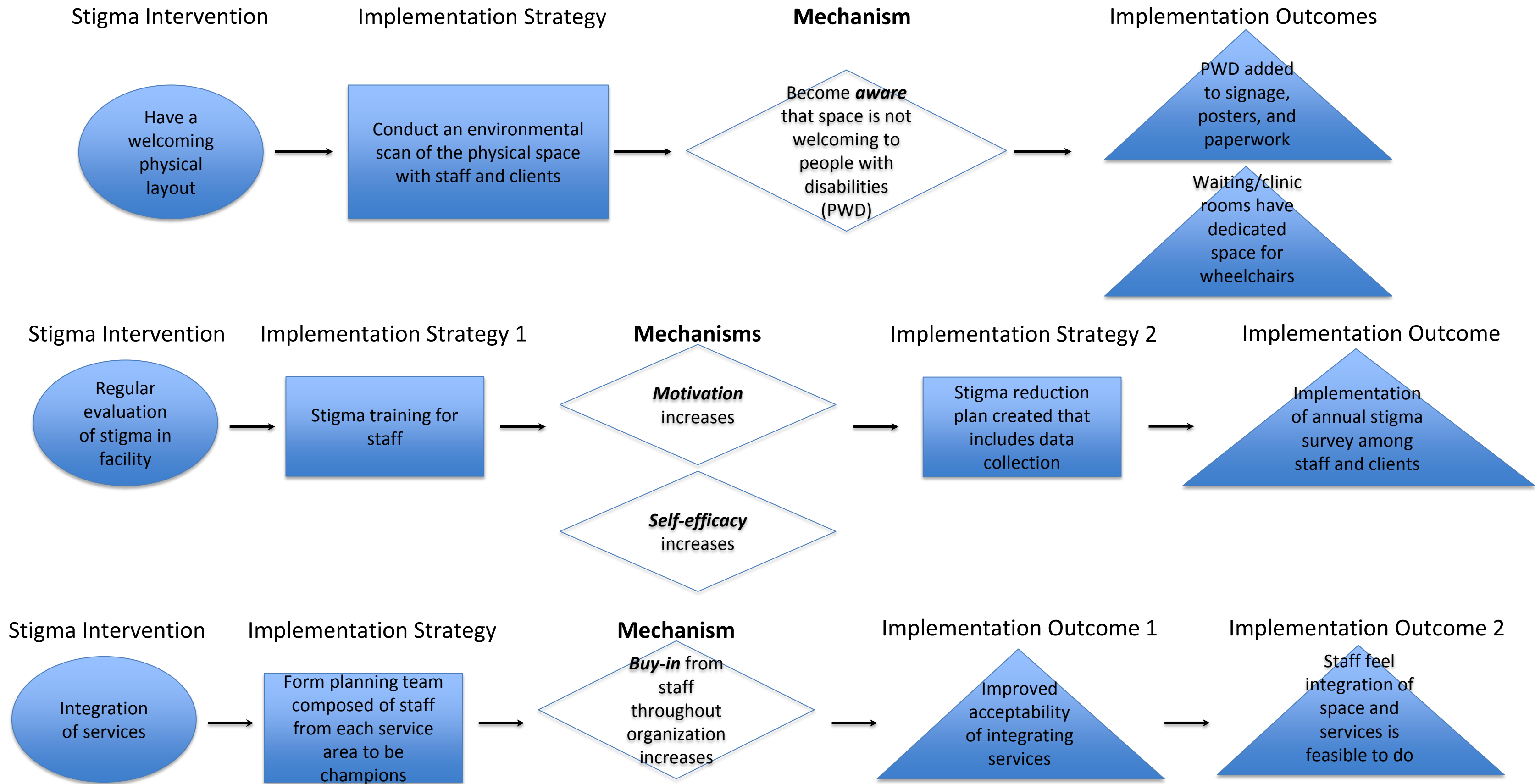
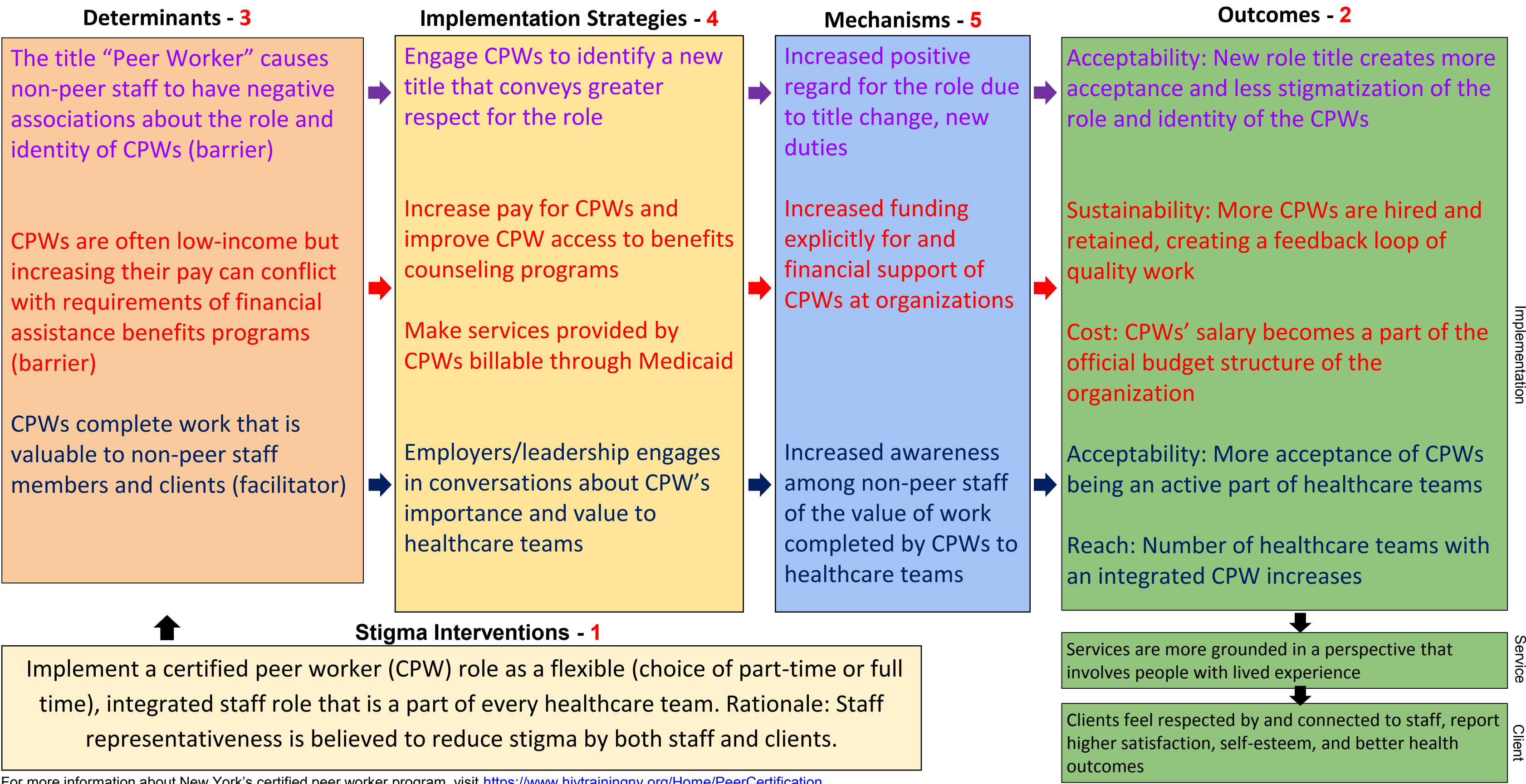


Figure 3. An example of stigma reduction implementation: The Certified Peer Worker (CPW) role



For more information about New York’s certified peer worker program, visit <https://www.hivtrainingny.org/Home/PeerCertification>.