

## DRIVER DIAGRAM



A driver diagram is used to articulate a theory of what drivers can be changed to result in improvement. It organizes and justifies the changes a team wants to make. It is a simple, visual diagram of what is theorized to "drive" a goal or achievement. A driver diagram identifies both key and secondary drivers and their relationship to one another.

### Key Concepts

#### Aim

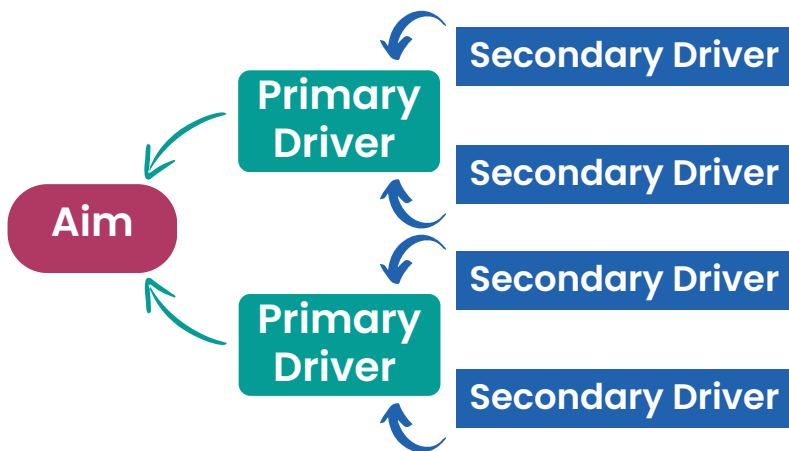
- Your desired outcome, goal or objective. This is the improvement you hope to achieve.

#### Primary Driver

- The high level elements or factors that need to change to achieve the aim.

#### Secondary Driver

- The action steps that will be tested to see if they achieve change.



### Implementation Example

For example, a human services director wants to reduce the infant mortality rate.

He understands the primary drivers of infant mortality to be inadequate prenatal maternal health, postnatal care, and the presence of societal issues like poverty and substance abuse.

He decides to hone his improvement opportunity at postnatal care. He studies and identifies drivers of strong postnatal care include caregiver attachment, concrete supports, parenting education, and pediatric care.

As a result, he begins a Nurse Family Partnership program in a county with a high infant mortality rate.

### Links to Related Strategies

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