

# SEBW PLAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## Topic of the Month: Tier 2 Interventions & Supports

Tier 2 interventions often are provided in a group-based format, include standardized practices and systems designed to supplement primary prevention efforts, and are appropriate for students who exhibit difficulties across multiple settings.

Tier 2 interventions have the following critical characteristics:	
CONTINUOUSLY AVAILABLE.	QUICKLY AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE.
MINIMAL TIME COMMITMENT REQUIRED FROM CLASSROOM TEACHERS.	REQUIRED SKILL SETS CAN BE EASILY LEARNED.
ALIGNED WITH SCHOOLWIDE EXPECTATIONS.	ALL PERSONNEL ARE AWARE OF THE INTERVENTION(S) AND THEIR ROLES IN THE PROCESS.
CONSISTENTLY IMPLEMENTED WITH MOST STUDENTS, BUT WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY.	PROGRAM SELECTED IS MATCHED TO THE FUNCTION OF THE STUDENT'S BEHAVIOR. (Can be informally determined)

Some commonly implemented group-oriented interventions include:

- ► Check-In, Check-Out (CICO)
- ► Social Skills Intervention Groups
- ► Self-Monitoring

Tier 1 systems and practices are critical foundations for effective implementation of Tier 2 systems and practices.

#### Established School Wide-PBS Systems include:

- ► School board/district/regional support.
- ► SW-PBS Leadership Team (i.e., Tier 1 Team).
- ► Administrator endorsement and active participation.
- ► Continuous, data-based professional learning (training and coaching).
- ► Recognition of staff behavior, contributions, and/or accomplishments.
- ► Schoolwide data system.

#### Established School Wide-PBS Practices include:

- ▶ Three to five positively stated and defined schoolwide expectations.
- ► Expectations regularly taught in both classroom and non-classroom settings.
- ► Schoolwide reinforcement plan to acknowledge expected behavior.
- ▶ Plan and continuum of consequences for rule violations.
- ► Effective Classroom Management

# Tier 2 Intervention Highlight

Bounce Back & Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS) Groups

The <u>Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS)</u> program is a school-based, group and individual intervention. It is designed to reduce symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, and behavioral problems, and to improve functioning, grades and attendance, peer and parent support, and coping skills.

CBITS has been used with students from 5th grade through 12th grade who have witnessed or experienced traumatic life events such as community and school violence, accidents and injuries, physical abuse and domestic violence, and natural and man-made disasters.

CBITS uses cognitive-behavioral techniques (e.g., psychoeducation, relaxation, social problem solving, cognitive restructuring, and exposure).

<u>Bounce Back</u> is an elementary school adaptation of CBITS (Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools) for middle and high schoolers.



One provider shared this outcome data with us:

"On average, around 80% of our students who complete the program reduce their posttraumatic symptoms significantly (average reduction of 30%). We see about a 75% increase in coping skills for those who complete the group as well."

-Kiera McGillivray, Chief Program Officer of School Based Initiatives - Children and Families First of Delaware

Learn More: <a href="https://cbitsprogram.org/">https://cbitsprogram.org/</a> and <a href="https://bouncebackprogram.org/">https://cbitsprogram.org/</a> and <a href="https://bouncebackprogram.org/">https://cbitsprogram.org/</a>

### **DE-PBS Project**

#### **Tier 2 Fidelity Inventory**

The <u>Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI)</u> assesses how closely school personnel apply the core features of PBIS. The TFI includes three separate surveys — one for assessing each tier — schools can use separately or in combination with one another. Schools at every stage of implementation may use the TFI to assess any tier.



#### Check-In Check-Out (CICO) Module

CICO is an evidence-based Tier 2 intervention to help students reconnect with adults and school expectations. This DE-PBS mini-learning module (46 mins total) walks viewers through the components and considerations of the Tier 2 Check-In/Check-Out intervention. The module presents key concepts and tools to help Tier 2 Teams to determine if this intervention is a good fit for their students, if they have appropriate resources, fidelity measures, and how the process works.

PDMS Course # 30025

Stay tuned for the DE-PBS Project's March 10th webinar recording on Check-In Check-Out coming soon!



## Other SEBW Highlights

**Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)** – teaches adults the signs and symptoms to look for and action steps to take to help a youth experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge/crisis. For more information about Youth Mental Health First Aid, please view the <u>YMHFA informational flyer</u>.

#### **Participants**

School personnel and community members are invited to attend Youth Mental Health First Aid training remotely on the following dates:

- Monday, Mar. 28th 9 am to 2 pm Register for PDMS course #29435, section #58745
- Wednesday, Apr. 6th 9 am to 2 pm Register for PDMS course #29435, section #58746
- Wednesday, Apr. 27th 9 am to 2 pm Register for PDMS course #29435, section #58747

Participants must register 2 weeks in advance to receive enrollment information and have time to complete two hours of mandatory pre-work. Participants who do not have PDMS access should contact Adriana Ignudo.

If you would like to bring YMHFA to your school, we are able to hold private training sessions with your staff (groups of 5-30).

Instructor training is being offered June 20th - 22nd and is free of charge! Interested staff should contact Adriana Ignudo.