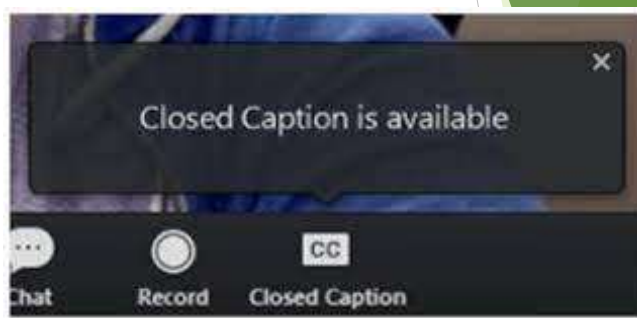# Readiness for Tier 2: Setting the Foundation for Success at Advanced Tiers

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Readiness for Tier 2: Setting the Foundation for Success at Advanced Tiers

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Self Care Agreements	Self Care Behaviors
I will be Respectful	• Use appropriate language. • Keep an open mind for listening to others' ideas. • Nurture my body with healthy food. • Build calming routines for sleep. • Build routine for daily exercise.
I will be Engaged	• Monitor my stress level. • Recognize and name the emotions I am experiencing (it's ok to feel vulnerable). • Pay attention to joy. • Do a body check for areas of tightness, discomfort. • Take movement breaks, hydrate. • Participate in activities and make this work for me.
I will be Safe	• Create an emotional support team. • Double check on friends. • Ask for help if you feel sense of hopelessness ○ Suicide Hotline: 800-273-8255

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Objectives: Participants will

- Understand that Tier 1 Supports are Critical for Tier 2 Success
- Define Tier 2
- Conceptualize Tier 2 in a Multi-tiered System of Supports
- Gain Tools to Determine Readiness for Tier 2
  - Assess Current Interventions, Time, & Need
- Learn How to Plan for Tier 2 Interventions
  - ✓ Visibility
  - ✓ Leadership/Team
  - ✓ Political Support & Funding
  - ✓ Training & Coaching Capacity
  - ✓ Data System & Evaluation Planning
  - ✓ Learn to Assemble a representative Tier 2 Systems team

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What do you know about Tier 2?

Share out!
- What is it?
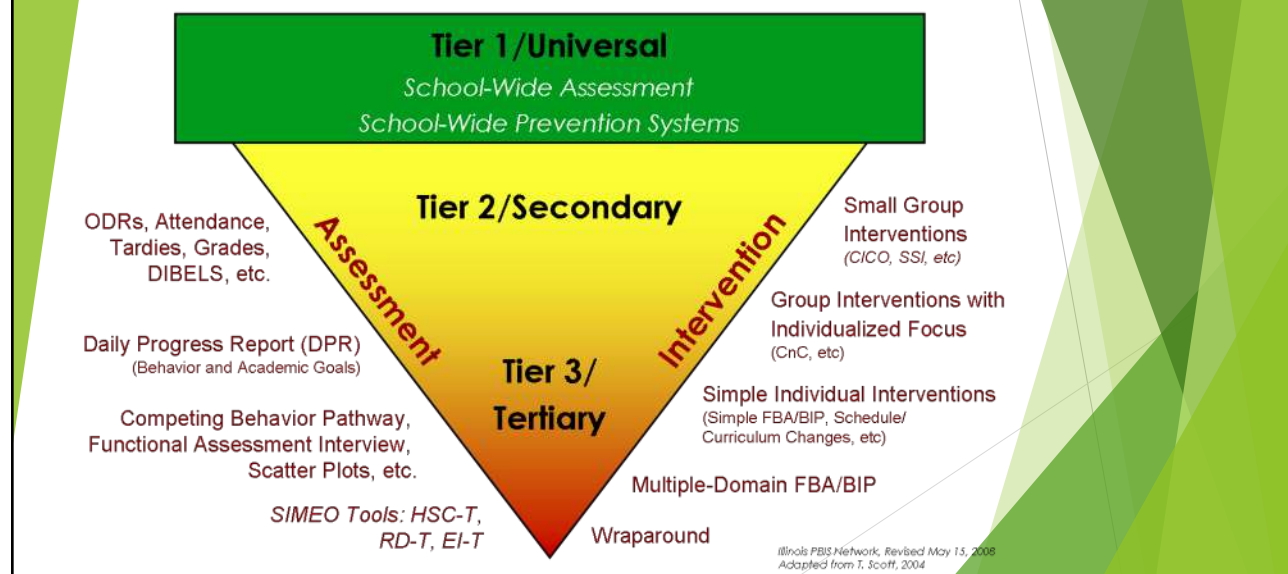- What interventions are officially "Tier 2"?

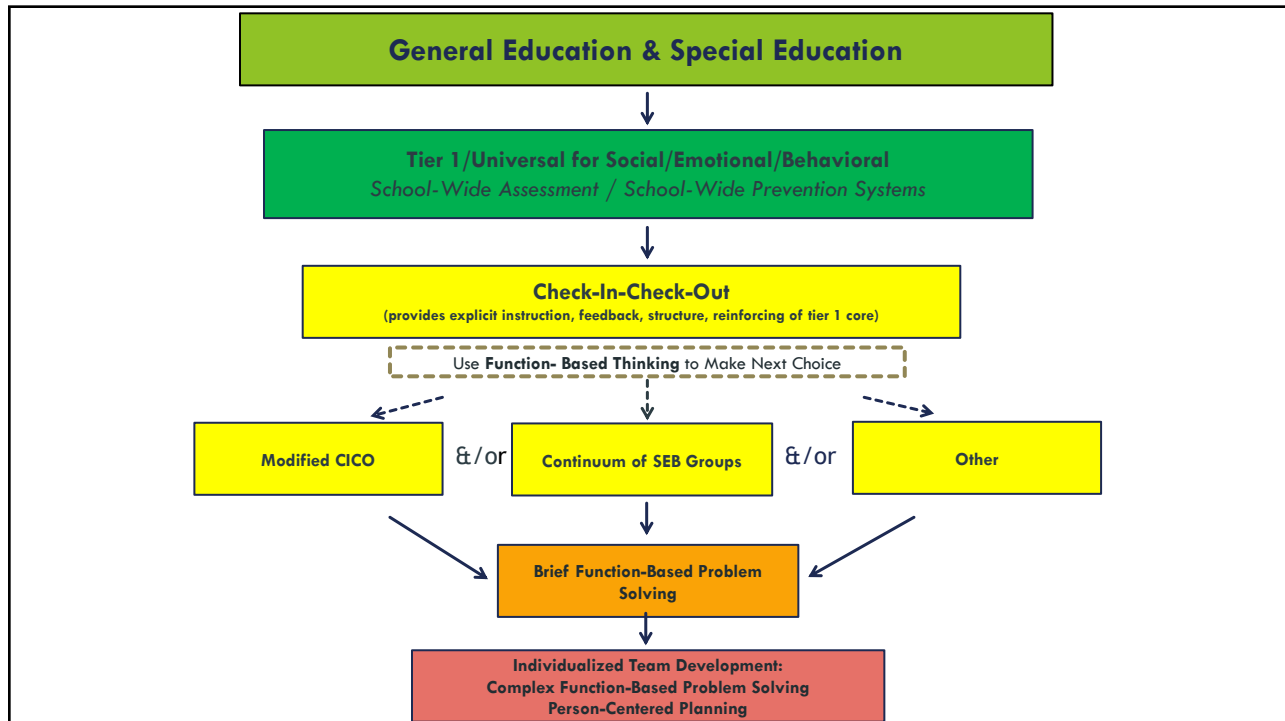9

Getting from Tier 1 to Tier 2

▶ **We establish a very rigorous environment of instruction**

  ▶ For academic and social skills

▶ **If students are not successful, we FIRST examine our instructional behaviors**

▶ **We consider how many students are not successful**

  ▶ Is there a gap in our core?

  ▶ Are there patterns in need (e.g., missing skills, areas to target/enhance)?

▶ **Then we "dose up"**

  ▶ Plan more intense, structured use of these strategies

  ▶ When something is new, hard, or we are not ready to learn (stressed, afraid, angry)

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Tier 1/Universal for Social/Emotional/Behavioral
School-Wide Assessment / School-Wide Prevention Systems

Check-In-Check-Out
(provides explicit instruction, feedback, structure, reinforcing of tier 1 core)

Use **Function- Based Thinking** to Make Next Choice

Modified CICO   &/or   **Continuum of SEB Groups**   &/or   **Other**

Brief Function-Based Problem Solving

Individualized Team Development:
Complex Function-Based Problem Solving
Person-Centered Planning

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Targeted Interventions within Tier 1

- All specialized interventions are more effective and more durable if they are done with evidence based universal/core implementation (e.g., SWPBIS, reading curriculum) as a foundation.

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Is your Tier 1 SWPBIS ready to support?

- Developing School-wide Expectations
  - Agreed upon, Posted
- Teaching System
  - Explicit, Scheduled
- Acknowledgement System
  - Documented, Varied
- Consequence System
  - Distinctions, Documented
- Decision-making Data System
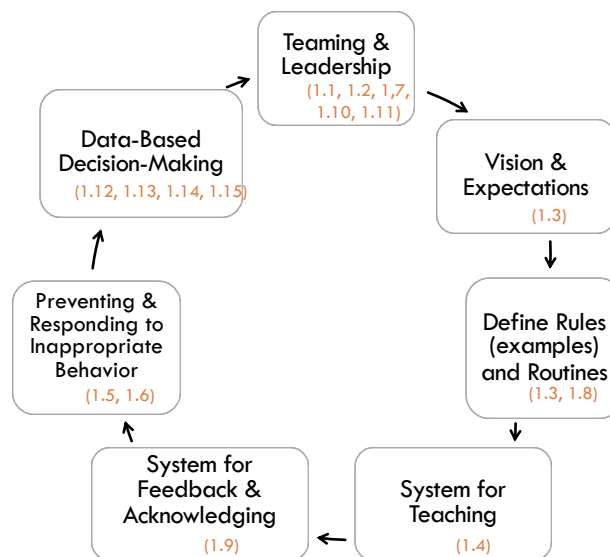 - Efficient, Shared
- Management
- District Support

When is the last time your tier 1 team assessed and action planned using the TFI?

What was your Tier 1 fidelity score on the TFI?

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SWPBIS Tiered Fidelity Inventory
version 2.1

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Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI) Measures of Tier 1

- Create a safe, predictable, & consistent environment
- Replace inappropriate behaviors with skills
- Establish & strengthen relationships
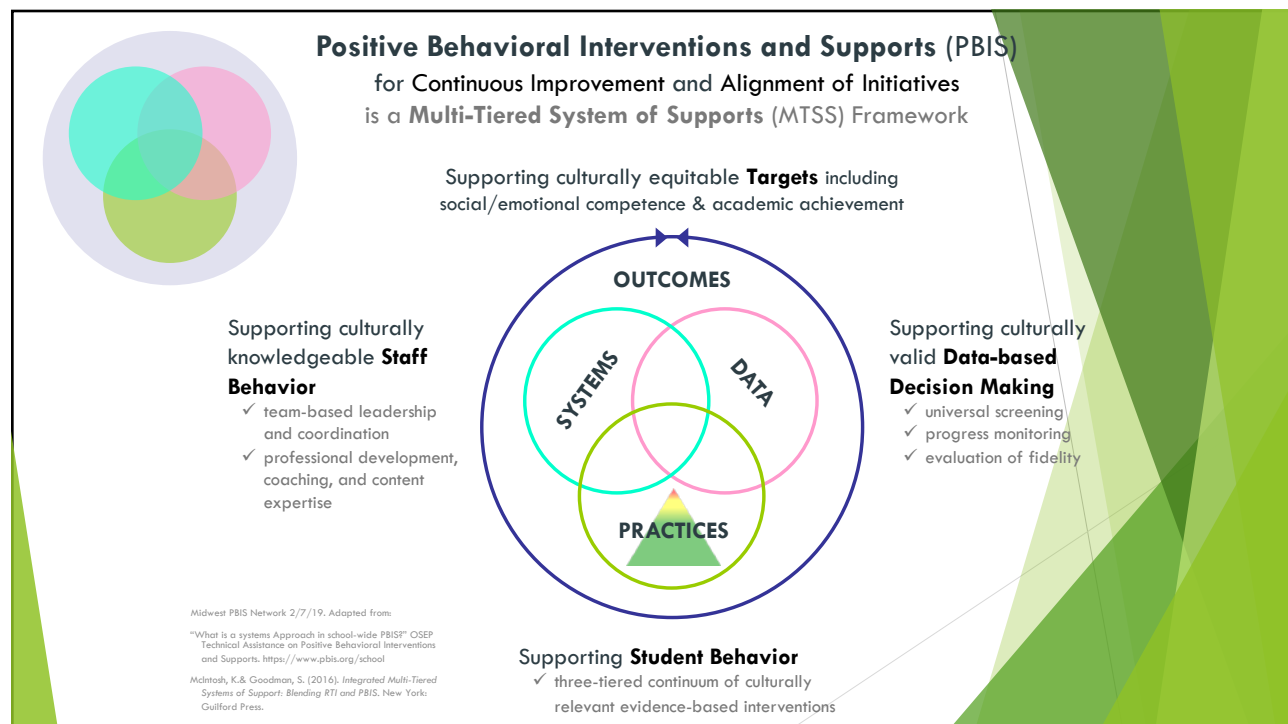- Replaces subjectivity with data driven decision making

Teaming & Leadership
(1.1, 1.2, 1.7, 1.10, 1.11)

Data-Based Decision-Making
(1.12, 1.13, 1.14, 1.15)

Vision & Expectations
(1.3)

Preventing & Responding to Inappropriate Behavior
(1.5, 1.6)

Define Rules (examples) and Routines
(1.3, 1.8)

System for Feedback & Acknowledging
(1.9)

System for Teaching
(1.4)

TFI	Component
1.1	Team Composition
1.2	Team Operating Procedures
1.3	Behavioral Expectations
1.4	Teaching Expectations
1.5	Problem Behavior Definitions
1.6	Discipline Policies
1.7	Professional Development
1.8	Classroom Procedures
1.9	Feedback & Acknowledgment
1.10	Faculty Involvement
1.11	Student/Family/Community Involvement
1.12	Discipline Data
1.13	Data-based Decision Making
1.14	Fidelity Data
1.15	Annual Evaluation

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Reflect and Share

- What are the strongest components of your Tier 1 SWPBIS system?

- What is a specific area(s) are you continuing to target for improvement?

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Reflect for Practice

- Reflect on the strengths and challenges you mentioned in the previous discussion. Where does each strength and challenge fall?
    - Data
    - Systems
    - Practices
- What are the implications for your school (and implementation of interventions for students who are struggling)?

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Why Tier 2 Interventions?

Individualized supports are inefficient and resource intensive.

Lengthy: it can take 2-4 weeks to conduct an intensive, individualized intervention:

Complete Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)
Develop a behavior support plan
Train everyone in implementation

Students can receive support within 72 hours with a tier 2 group intervention.

*Are effective for about 67 - 80% (CICO) of students!

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Who would benefit from tier 2 support?

- For students "who"
  - Group interventions
- Frequently late
- Homework incomplete
- Regularly "talk-out"
- Have few friends
- Lack of connection to adults
- Students whose needs teachers "can handle" but are a challenge

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Tier 2 Intervention: What it's not

- Not an intervention for a classroom or a whole school
- Not an individualized intervention
  - Not appropriate for students who have dangerous or violent problem behaviors
  - Not "wrap around" or comprehensive
- Does not require any intensive assessment
- Does not take longer than 10 min. for any teacher to implement

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Tier 2 Intervention Features

- Tier II behavior support interventions provide:
  - Additional instruction/time for student skill development
  - Additional structure/predictability
  - Increased opportunity for feedback (e.g., daily progress report)

Explicit Linkage to Tier 1 Supports.

Students have access to Tier 1 AND Tier 2 Supports (Layering increases effectiveness)!

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Tier 2 Intervention Critical Features

- Continuously available- Everyone knows the intervention
- Rapid access to intervention
- Low effort for teachers/staff to implement
  - *Generic* intervention
    - Allows students to move back into "green zone" more efficiently
  - Provide schools with *efficient* system to support multiple students
    - Efficient access to data collection and initial problem solving
- Consistent with school-wide expectations
  - Goal to get back to green!
- Continuous monitoring
  - If program is not self-sufficient & requires significant organization by referring staff... it's not a tier 2 intervention! & not just the "card"
  - Peer buddies, homework club, mentoring interventions

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Teaching Academics & Social Behaviors

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Why do Tier 2 Interventions Work?

- Increase structure/routines for student
- Increase in contingent feedback for student
- Increase in explicit instruction on relevant social skills & plan details
- Programs can be applied in all school locations
- Increase recognition for appropriate behavior
- Linking school & home support & academic support, as needed
- Focus is on self-management, as intervention is implemented over time

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Tier 2 Building Readiness (Check in Check Out Example)

- ✓ **Visibility & Commitment**
  - ✓ Tier 2 content shared with staff & 80% (min) staff support
  - ✓ Tier 1 Fidelity: (e.g., 70% or greater on TFI/BOQ, 80% on SET)
- ✓ **Leadership/Team**
  - ✓ Representative: includes administrator, intervention coordinator (& facilitators), persons knowledgeable about school/students/technical adequacy (ideally some membership overlap with Tier 1 team)
  - ✓ Regular meeting schedule (2x monthly often encouraged for social behavior monitoring)
- ✓ **Political Support & Funding**
  - ✓ PBIS prioritized in school improvement goals (top 3)
  - ✓ Principal/admin commits to implementation for 3-5 years, with at least 3 years of funding identified
- ✓ **Training & Coaching Capacity**
  - ✓ Building coordinator for Tier 2 is identified with FTE and who will train building staff
  - ✓ Administrator regularly participates on team and supports sharing data with staff monthly
  - ✓ Identified team members can attend necessary trainings
  - ✓ Access to district/regional coach/support
- ✓ **Data System & Evaluation Planning**
  - ✓ Access to and plan for entering/using data to support intervention outcomes over time (e.g., identify students, monitor progress)
  - ✓ Plan for regular fidelity assessments to drive action planning (e.g., TFI)

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Taking Stock of Tier 1 and Foundation for Tier 2

- ▶ Tiered Fidelity Inventory and Action Planning.
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Leadership/Team

SYSTEMS

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PBIS as the Interconnected Systems Framework
Necessary Team Conversations in a 3-Tiered System of Support

Tier 1 Team	Tier 2 Systems Team	Function Based Problem Solving Team	Tier 3 Systems Team
Plan School-wide & Class-wide supports for students and staff: • Data Systems • Teaching Systems • Acknowledgement Systems • Communication Systems	Uses data to progress monitor intervention fidelity and effectiveness. Addresses systems barriers to implementation.	Creates individualized plans based on function for individual youth and/or Identifies appropriate intensified supports.	Uses data to progress monitor intervention fidelity and effectiveness. Addresses systems barriers to implementation.
Members (functions) include: Administrator, Tier 1 Coach, staff, student, family, **community, mental health partners**	Members (functions) include: Administrator, Tier 2 Coach, clinician, intervention coordinators, **family, community, mental health partners**	Members (functions) include: Administrator, Tier 2 Coach, FBA/BIP Coordinator, clinician, staff voice & teacher, caregiver, student of any individual plans generated	Members (functions) include: Administrator, Tier 3 Coach, clinician, intervention coordinators, **family, community, mental health partners**

Integrated Teams Include Family Voice, Community Members, Mental Health Partners

Universal Support	CICO	Brief FBA-BIP Development	FBA-BIP
	Modified CICO	Other Problem Solving Process	Wraparound
	Continuum of SEB Groups		RENEW

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TFI 2.1 Activity 1:
Teaming Working Smarter Matrix

Note: Revisit your Tier I "Working Smarter" document, or start a new table

Initiative/ Committee/ Team	Purpose and Strategic Goal Supported	Measurable Outcome(s) – Data Based	Target Group	Staff Involved	Overlap? Modify? Eliminate?

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Tier 2 Team Composition

PBIS 3 Tiered System of Support

ROLES NEEDED (TFI 2.1):
- ❑ Team facilitator
- ❑ Applied behavioral expertise
- ❑ Administrative authori
- ❑ Knowledg

Tier II team does not need to be large. Even 3-5 people may be sufficient.

The key is to ensure that the authority to make decisions exists, and the behavioral expertise is present to guide adaptations.

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  - ▶   tal Health Agency partners
  - ▶   ▶ Social Workers, psychologists, school counselors, psychotherapists, etc.
- ▶ Family   e
- ▶ Student representative
- ▶ Community partner(s)

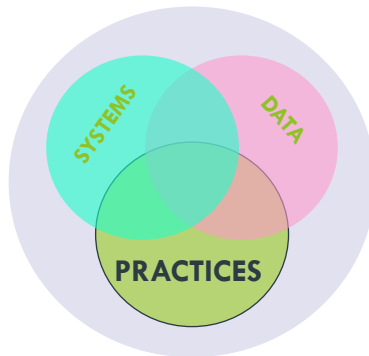Some roles may be fulfilled by the same person (e.g., CICO Coordinator is the team facilitator)!

TFI 2.1: Team Composition

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Big Ideas about Implementing a System of Tier 2 Interventions

✓ Select Evidence-Based Interventions
✓ Connect all interventions to Tier 1
✓ Monitor the fidelity of each intervention
✓ Monitor the use of all interventions
✓ Monitor the outcomes of all interventions

The role of the Tier 2 Systems Team!

SYSTEMS

DATA

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Messages on PBIS Continuum of Interventions

1. Start with Check-in Check-out (CICO) and a Daily Progress Report (DPR)

2. Layer small group instruction on specific skill sets

    ▶ Social, coping, problem solving etc. skills as low level generic, higher frequency dosage of teaching

    ▶ Skills are layered into DPR

3. Layer small group instruction to address a specific identified need

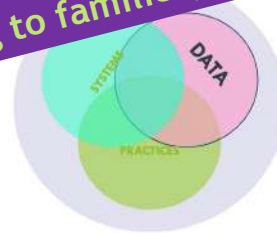   ▶ Use of screening, expanded data, request for assistance

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Tier 1 Data Points to Consider for En

- ▶ Minor Discipline Referrals
- ▶ Major Office Discipline Referrals
- ▶ In-School / Out-Schoo
- ▶ Loss of in

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Multiple sources of data, including request for assistance from teachers, students, families.

Written process for decision rules.

Process for communicating to families, teachers, students.

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Data-Based Decision-Rules:
Sample to Consider

a) Identification for CICO (IN):

- ▪ Student is identified by 2 or more Office Discipline Referrals unexcused absences, 2 incomplete homework assignments, referral from family or school staff, etc.

b) Progress-monitoring (ON):

- ▪ Daily Progress Report (DPR) data collected daily & reviewed every other week. Data collected for 4-6 weeks (individual buildings decide whether 4 or 6 weeks will be better for their students).

c) Exiting/transitioning (OUT):

- ▪ Student received a total of 80% of DPR points averaged per day/week for 4 weeks and has had no new ODRs or attendance or homework concern. Student may be transitioned into being a CICO student mentor.

Data to track proportion of students participating in Tier II supports and access is proportionate.

Data to support implementation fidelity and action planning.

Your teams will be constructing decision rules.

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MAIN IDEAS

▶ Effective Tier 1 is critical for Tier 2 Success.

▶ Layering supports maximizes implementation efficiency and outcomes!

▶ Number of students with needs must be manageable to effectively address them successfully, and this only happens with healthy universal system.

▶ It's ok to start small with "pilots". This is often where teams find gaps and weaknesses in Tier 1 that are less obvious.

  ▶ E.g., DPR ratings of N/A for safety in small group reading; staff unsure how to provide feedback on school-wide expectations using DPR.

▶ Plan for data, systems, & practices (not JUST the practices)!

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▶ Tier 2 Teaming Part 1: CICO Series

▶ Why are you doing that? Using ABCs of behavior (i.e., thinking functionally) to improve equitable outcomes

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▶ New Coaches Meeting Series

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▶ Early Childhood Series

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