Tier 3 Overview and Readiness

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Overview and Readiness for Tier 3

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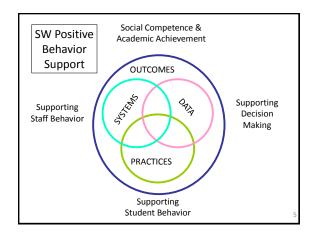
- Identify key features of a SW-PBS Tier 3 system and characteristics of maximally effective interventions.
- Determine readiness for development of Tier 3

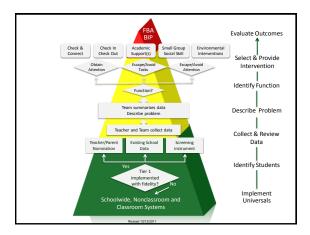
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Tier 3 Overview







Tier 3 Intervention is for:

- 1-5% of students who continue to exhibit problem behaviors after receiving Tier 1 and most likely, Tier 2 supports with fidelity.
 - Many of these students will have extended school histories of academic and behavioral difficulties.

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Student Identification

- Your team will develop decision rules to identify students for Tier 3 intervention support:
 - Nonresponse to Tier 2 intervention
 - Chronic problem behaviors
 - Intense problem behaviors
 - Nomination by teacher, student, family members
 - Universal Screening

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Tier 3 Intervention – FBA/BIP

For students who meet criteria for Tier 3 intervention, the team will conduct a Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) and use those results to develop an individualized Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP).

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"A team-based approach to function-based support relies on the **knowledge and expertise of typical classroom teachers and personnel.**"

(Scott, Anderson, Mancil, & Alter, 2009, p. 432)

Research findings have demonstrated that school staff, with appropriate training, can develop evidence-based behavior intervention plans that improve student outcomes.

(Cook, Mayer, Browning-Wright, Kraemer, Wallace, Dart, Collins, &Restori, 2012)



Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA)

- Functional behavior assessment is a problemsolving process for identifying the events that reliably predict and maintain problem behavior.
- The primary objective of the FBA is to gather evidence to develop and support a summary statement of the function of behavior and to use this information to design the behavior implementation plan.

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Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP)

- A BIP is based on the FBA and defines how an educational setting will be changed to improve the student's behavioral success.
 - The BIP describes how the **environment** will be changed to prevent occurrences of problem behavior.
 - The BIP describes the **teaching** that will occur to give the student alternative ways of behaving.
 - The BIP describes the consequences that will be provided to (a) encourage positive behavior,
 - (b) limit inadvertent reward of problem behavior, and
 - (c) where appropriate, discourage problem behavior.

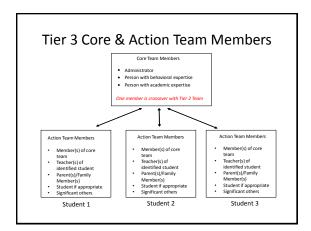
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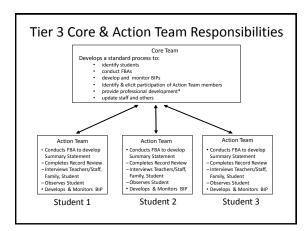


Tier 3 Teams

- A two-tiered model is recommended by Crone and Horner (2003):
 - The first tier is the Core Team that is responsible for developing the Tier 3 system and assigning Action Team members
 - The second tier is an Action Team that is individualized for each student in order to conduct the FBA, develop the BIP, and monitor progress for data-based decision making.







Research Findings in Brief

- Interventions based on function are most effective
- Interventions not based on function actually increase problem behavior
- Interventions implemented with fidelity have the greater impact
- · With training, school staff can develop BIPs

Challenges You Might Face

- Teaching team members the science of behavior
- Building consensus among team members; helping the team decide which interventions will be successful
- Creating sustainable support systems for those who will be implementing interventions over time

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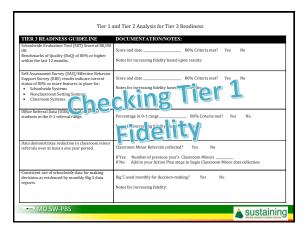


Assessing Readiness for Tier 3

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Tier 3 Readiness – Tier 1 Indicators

- ✓ School-wide Evaluation Tool (SET) Score of 80/80 or Benchmarks of Quality (BoQ) of 80% or higher within the last 12 months
- ✓ Self-Assessment Survey (SAS)/Effective Behavior Support Survey (EBS) results indicate current status of 80% or more features in place for
 - School-Wide Systems,
 - Non-classroom Setting Systems
 - Classroom Systems

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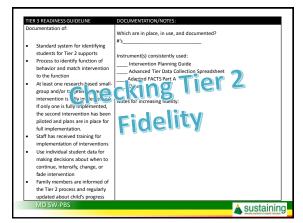
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Tier 3 Readiness - Tier 1 Indicators

- ✓ Office Referral Data (ODR) indicate 80% or more of students in the 0-1 referral range
- ✓ Data demonstrates reduction in classroom minor referrals over at least a one year period
- ✓ Consistent use of schoolwide data for making decisions as evidenced by monthly Big 5 data reports

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Tier 3 Readiness – Tier 2 Indicators

- ✓ Documentation of:
 - Standard system for identifying students for Tier 2 supports
 - Process to identify function of behavior and match intervention to the function
 - At least one research-based small-group and/or targeted behavioral intervention that is fully implemented. If only one is fully implemented, the second intervention has been piloted and plans are in place for full implementation.

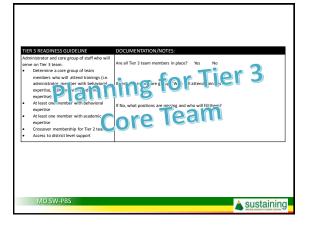


Tier 3 Readiness - Tier 2 Indicators

- ✓ Documentation of:
 - Staff training for implementation of interventions
 - Use of individual student data for making decisions about when to continue, intensify, change, or fade intervention
 - Family members are informed of the Tier 2 process and regularly updated about child's progress

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Tier 3 Readiness - Tier 3 Core Team

- ✓ Administrator and core group of staff who will serve on Tier 3 team:
 - At least one member with behavioral expertise
 - At least one member with academic expertise
 - Crossover membership for Tier 2 team
 - Access to district level support
- ✓ Determine a core group of team members who will attend trainings (i.e. administrator, member with behavioral expertise, member with academic expertise)



Questions

- · What didn't get answered?
- Contact your regional or Tier 2/3 consultant if you have additional questions after this session.

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A complete listing of MOSW-PBS Tier 3 Team Workbook references can be found in Chapter 12: Reference

