Progress Monitoring & Response to ntervention in an Outcome Driven Model

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Overview

- Overview of Response to Intervention
- Implementing a Response to Intervention model
- Using DIBELS[®] for systems-wide consultation and evaluating response to intervention with an Outcomes-Driven Model

For Whom Would You Use RTI?

- Amy is a second grader who has been referred for a special education evaluation by her teacher due to low academic achievement.
- Miguel is a new bilingual student in Ms. Frizzle's first grade classroom (in a school with few other bilingual students). Ms. Frizzle does not know how to support Miguel in learning to read.
- Sander is a third grade student referred to the educational support team for behavior problems.
- Mica is a kindergarten child who has difficulty following directions and attending during group activities. His teacher has referred him for an "ADHD evaluation."

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What is Response to Intervention?

- 1. An alternative approach to determine eligibility for learning disability under IDEA 2004:
 - Response to intervention (RTI) functions as an alternative for learning disability (LD) evaluations within the general evaluation requirements of IDEA 2004 (20 U.S.C 1414 (B)(6)(A)).
 - IDEA 2004 adds a new concept in eligibility that prohibits children from being found eligible for special education if they have not received instruction in reading that includes the five essential components of reading instruction identified by the Reading First Program. RTI is included under this general umbrella.

What is Response to Intervention?

- 2. An approach for maximizing student learning/progress through sensitive measurement of effects of instruction:
 - Diagnostic teaching
 - Precision teaching
 - Problem-solving model
 - Outcomes-driven model

Description of RTI

- Students are provided with "generally effective" instruction by classroom teacher.
- Progress of students receiving general education is monitored.
- Students who do not respond are identified.
- "Nonresponders" to general education instruction receive something else or something more, either from teacher or someone else.
- Progress of students receiving "something else/more" is monitored.

Eligibility approach: Those who do not respond qualify for special education/evaluation.

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Maximize learning approach:

Those who do not respond get "something else/more" until they respond.

Underlying Assumptions of RTI

• Eligibility Model

- Disabilities are due to within child factors and are intractable.
- There are children who are "nonresponders."
- Goal is special education placement.

Maximize Learning Model

- Most children can learn when provided with effective instruction.
- There are children for whom we have not yet found effective interventions.
- Goal is to find the "match," i.e., instructional approach/stratgies effective for the individual student.

Our View:

- Inadequate response to intervention is NOT a defensible endpoint.
- Response to intervention IS a defensible means to maximize student learning and progress.

When and for Whom Should RTI be Used?

- All students
- Within a *prevention-oriented* system of *progress monitoring* and *evaluating system-wide effectiveness: Outcomes Driven Model*

ODM Step	Decisions/Questions	Data
1. Identify Need	Are there students who may need support? How many? Which students?	Screening data (DIBELS Benchmark data)
2. Validate Need	Are we confident that the identified students need support?	Diagnostic assessment data and additional information as needed
3. Plan and Implement Support	What level of support for which students? How to group students? What goals, specific skills, curriculum/program, instructional strategies?	Diagnostic assessment data and additional information as needed
4. Evaluate and Modify Support	Is the support effective for individual students?	Progress Monitoring data (DIBELS progress monitoring data)
5. Evaluate Outcomes	As a school/district: How effective is our core (benchmark) support? How effective is our supplemental (strategic) support? How effective is our intervention (intensive) support?	Outcome Assessment information (DIBELS Benchmark data)

Outcomes-Driven Model



Why Use a RTI Approach? (Why Use the ODM?)

- Preventive: Provides help more quickly to more students
- Inclusive: Focuses on success for all students
- Instructionally relevant: Keeps focus on student learning; shift away from labeling
- Cost effective: Reduces need for special education
- Collaborative: Increases teaming and integration of services

What are Critical Components of an Effective RTI Model?

- Team approach
- Specification of system of support
- Specification of procedures for RTI
 - Model of RTI
 - Measurement
 - Intervention fidelity
 - Criteria for effectivness

Team Approach: Who Should be on the Team?

- Everyone who has a vested interest in this student's success, for example:
 - Classroom teachers
 - Parents
 - Title/Resource teachers
 - Special Education teachers
 - Speech/language pathologists
 - School psychologists
 - Reading coaches/specialists
 - Principals
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School-Wide System of Support

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 We recommend that RTI be implemented within a clearly specified school-wide system of instruction and support. School-wide System of Instruction and Support: Three Levels (Tiers) of Support

Continuum of generally effective services of varying intensity



Specifying a System of Support

- Who will receive what intervention, by whom, for what amount of time, when?
- What materials and strategies will be used?
- What measures will be used for progress monitoring?
- How frequently will progress monitoring occur?
- What criteria will be used to determine effectiveness of intervention?

Specify Procedures for RTI

- RTI Model
- Measures
- Intervention Fidelity
- Criteria for determining effectiveness (adequate responsiveness)

RTI Models

- Standard protocol
 - Student receives specified intervention program for specified amount of time (e.g., Read Well for 12 weeks)
- Individual Problem solving
 - Student receives individually designed intervention program

Measurement for RTI

- State-wide or group achievement tests
- Individually administered achievement tests
- Curriculum-based assessments
- General outcome measures
 - Curriculum-Based Measurement
 - Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills
 - Individual Growth and Development Indicators

Fidelity of Intervention Implementation

- We must measure fidelity of implementation of interventions at <u>all</u> levels of the continuum
 - *Who* will measure treatment integrity?
 - *How* will treatment integrity be measured?

Determining Effectiveness

- **Option 1: Final status**
 - Test students after intervention, apply a standard, and separate the "responders" from the "non-responders"
 - Ending in the average range on a normreferenced measure
 - Ending at or above an established benchmark criterion

Determining Effectiveness

- Option 2: Growth Models
 - Repeatedly test students during intervention, establish growth trajectories, and separate the "responders" from the "non-responders".
 - Compare the student's actual rate of progress to the expected rate of progress, based on a normative framework.
 - Compare the student's actual rate of progress to a limited normative framework (e.g., other students receiving intensive intervention).
 - Compare the student's actual rate of progress to the expected rate of progress, based on a criterion for acceptable growth.

Reading Trajectories of Low and Middle Readers Grades 1-6



Example of Oral Reading Fluency Growth Rates*

Grade	Minimum growth rate	Slope of benchmark	Maximum growth rate
		targets (growth	
		per week)	
1	0.84	1.36	1.88
2	1.03	1.31	1.59
3	0.75	1.03	1.31
4	0.55	0.83	1.11
5	0.50	0.78	1.06
6	0.58	0.86	1.14
7	0.30	0.58	0.86
8	0.28	0.56	0.84

* Based on average growth rates. © 2006, Dynamic Measurement Group

Plan Support: Aimline for Brandon



The <u>aimline</u> connects where you are to where you want to get to, and shows the course to follow to get there.

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Effectiveness Report: Classroom Kindergarten Mid to End of Year Sneezy Elementary: Ms. White PM Class

Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills Summary of Effectiveness by Class

District: Seven Dwarfs Public Schools School: Sneezy Elementary Date: January, 2004-2005 Class: Ms.WhitePM Step: Middle of Kindergarten to End of Kindergarten

Effectiveness of Intensive Support Program			Effectiveness of	Program	Effectiveness of Core Curriculum and Instruction							
S ai	tudents at Intensive t Middle of Year	Middle PSF Score	End PSF Score	Check If Reached End PSF Goal of 35	Students at Strategic at Middle of Year	Middle PSF Score	End PSF Score	Check If Reached End PSF Goal of 35	Students at Benchmark at Middle of Year	Middle PSF Score	End PSF Score	Check If Reached End PSF Goal of 35
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						11	38	\checkmark		44	42	\checkmark
										34	42	\checkmark
										51	42	\checkmark
										25	14	
										38	56	\checkmark
										29	59	\checkmark
										47	59	\checkmark
										43	37	\checkmark

Determining Effectiveness

- Option 3: Dual Focus on Final Status and Growth
 - Combination of previous approaches; requires repeated assessment of student skills throughout intervention <u>and</u> assessment of final status after intervention
 - Evaluate responsiveness by comparing the student's actual rate of growth to an expected rate of growth based on a normative/criterion framework <u>and</u> considering whether the student's final status meets an established benchmark criterion

Our Thoughts

- To promote positive outcomes and reading success for *all students*:
 - We need to evaluate effectiveness of the instructional context, i.e., the system of support.
 - We need to use a standard-protocol approach in combination with a problemsolving approach.
 - We need to use established (I.e., normative and/or research-based) outcomes criteria.

How to Put it all Together

- DIBELS[®] as a tool for Systems-Wide Consultation and Evaluating Response to Intervention
 - Evaluating system effectiveness
 - Evaluating student responsiveness to intervention within a system

Using DIBELS in a Systems-Wide RTI Standard Protocol + Problem-Solving Approach

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Summary of Effectiveness by District, 11/01/2004, 1

4 Ways to Achieve Adequate Responsiveness to Intervention



What is an Effective System of Support?

- Benchmark Students
 - *Effective core curriculum & instruction* should:
 - support 95% of benchmark students to achieve each literacy goal.
- <u>Strategic Students</u>
 - Effective supplemental support should:
 - support 80% of strategic students to achieve each literacy goal.
- Intensive Students
 - *Effective interventions* should:
 - support 80% of intensive students to achieve the goal or achieve emerging or some risk status.

Example: Washington Elementary

First Grade Classroom #3 Cassandra

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Benchmark Status on NWF	Deficit	Emerging	Established	Deficit	Emerging	Established	Deficit	Emerging	Established	(Total	ls)
Test District	49 Students	Intensive at Begi	nning of 1st	101 Students	Strategic at Beg	inning of 1st	256 Students	Benchmark at Be	ginning of 1st		N = 406
	12.	1% of Total Stude	ents	24.9	9% of Total Stude	ents	63.	1% of Total Stude	ents		
Count	16	18	15	11	44	46	4	43	209	Deficit	7.6%
% of Instructional Recommendation	32.7%	36.7%	30.6%	10.9%	43.6%	45.5%	1.6%	16.8%	81.6%	Emerging	25.9%
% of Total	3.9%	4.4%	3.7%	2.7%	10.8%	11.3%	1%	10.6%	51.5%	Established	66.5%
Adams	5 Students	Intensive at Begin	nning of 1st	18 Students	Strategic at Begi	nning of 1st	50 Students I	Benchmark at Beg	ginning of 1st		n = 73
	6.8	3% of Total Stude	nts	24.3	7% of Total Stude	ents	68.:	5% of Total Stude	ents		
Count	1	3	1	3	11	4	1	8	41	Deficit	6.8%
% of Instructional Recommendation	20%	60%	20%	16.7%	61.1%	22.2%	2%	16%	82%	Emerging	30.1%
% of Total	1.4%	4.1%	1.4%	4.1%	15.1%	5.5%	1.4%	11%	56.2%	Established	63%
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% of Total	3.9%	3.9%	2%	0%	5.9%	17.6%	0%	13.7%	52.9%	Established	72.5%
Jefferson	14 Students	14 Students Intensive at Beginning of 1st 18 Students Strategic at Beginning of 1st 36 Students Benchmark at Beginning of 1		ginning of 1st		n = 68					
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Washington School: Effectiveness of Core

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Cassandra: Evaluating Responsiveness to Intervention

Tier 2 Support: add'l 30 min small group using research-based program



Example: McKinley Elementary

First Grade Classroom #5 Matthew, Tia

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Summary of Effectiveness by District, 11/01/2004, 1

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Matthew: Evaluating Responsiveness to Intervention

Tier 1 Support: general education consultation to increase fidelity of core program implementation



Tia: Evaluating Responsiveness to Intervention



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- If response is not adequate, modify intervention and continue implementation.
- If response continues to be inadequate, student may need special education support.
- Continue to modify intervention and evaluate responsiveness until the desired outcomes are achieved.

Summary: RTI – A Viable Alternative

- An emerging alternative to traditional eligibility models that is encouraged (but not required) by the recent reauthorization of IDEA.
 - "Must permit the use of a process that determines if the child responds to scientific, research-based interventions as part of the evaluation procedures"
- Logic: Serious, sustained, stubborn lack of adequate progress when provided with generally effective instruction/intervention is indicative of a serious learning difficulty requiring special education support.

Outcomes Driven Model and RTI



RTI or PORTEI?

- RTI logic requires that the intervention is effective – otherwise it indicates a <u>teaching problem</u> rather than a <u>learning</u> <u>problem</u>.
- Requires expertise in instruction and intervention as well as in assessment.
- We need to spend as much time assessing the quality of instruction as we spend assessing the response to the instruction.

Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills Summary of Effectiveness by District

District: Test District School: All Schools Date: 2001-2002 Step: Beginning of 1st Grade to Middle of 1st Grade

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Beginning of First	Intensive at Beginning of Year		Strategic at Beginning of Year			Benchm					
Instructional Recommendation		to			to			to		Benchmark	c Status
to										on NWF in	Middle
Middle of First	Mid-Year	Mid-Year	Mid-Year	Mid-Year	Mid-Year	Mid-Year	Mid-Year	Mid-Year	Mid-Year	of Fir	st
Benchmark Status on NWF	Deficit	Emerging	Established	Deficit	Emerging	Established	Deficit	Emerging	Established	(Total	s)
Test District	49 Students	Intensive at Begi	nning of 1st	101 Students	s Strategic at Beg	inning of 1st	256 Students	Benchmark at Be	ginning of 1st	7	N = 406
	12.	1% of Total Stude	ents	24.9	9% of Total Stud	ents	63.	1% of Total Stud	ents		
Count	16	18	15	11	44	46	4	43	209	Deficit	7.6%
% of Instructional Recommendation	32.7%	36.7%	30.6%	10.9%	43.6%	45.5%	1.6%	16.8%	81.6%	Emerging	25.9%
% of Total	3.9%	4.4%	3.7%	2.7%	10.8%	11.3%	1%	10.6%	51.5%	Established	66.5%
Adams	5 Students	Intensive at Begin	nning of 1st	18 Students	Strategic at Begi	nning of 1st	50 Students 1	Benchmark at Be	ginning of 1st		n = 73
	6.8	% of Total Stude	nts	24.	7% of Total Stud	ents	68.	5% of Total Stud	ents		
Count	1	3	1	3	11	4	1	8	41	Deficit	6.8%
% of Instructional Recommendation	20%	60%	20%	16.7%	61.1%	22.2%	2%	16%	82%	Emerging	30.1%
% of Total	1.4%	4.1%	1.4%	4.1%	15.1%	5.5%	1.4%	11%	56.2%	Established	63%
Garfield	5 Students	Intensive at Begin	nning of 1st	12 Students Strategic at Beginning of 1st		34 Students 1	Benchmark at Be	ginning of 1st		n = 51	
	9.8	% of Total Stude	nts	23.5% of Total Students		66.	7% of Total Stud	ents			
Count	2	2	1	0	3	9	0	7	27	Deficit	3.9%
% of Instructional Recommendation	40%	40%	20%	0%	25%	75%	0%	20.6%	79.4%	Emerging	23.5%
% of Total	3.9%	3.9%	2%	0%	5.9%	17.6%	0%	13.7%	52.9%	Established	72.5%
Jefferson	14 Students	Intensive at Begi	nning of 1st	18 Students Strategic at Beginning of 1st			36 Students		n = 68		
	20.0	5% of Total Stude	ents	26.5% of Total Students			52.9% of Total Students			DC2	0.00/
Count	21.49/	14.29/	64.20/	11.10/	20.00/	500/	2.80/	10.49/	28	Deficit	8.8%
% of instructional Recommendation	21.4%	14.3%	04.3%	11.1%	58.9% 10.20/	12.00/	2.8%	19.4%	41.20/	Emerging	23.3%
70 OF FOTAL	4.4% 10 Students	Intensive at Regi	nning of 1st	2.9% 17 Students	Stratagic at Bagi	nning of 1st	1.3% 45 Studente 1	10.3% Benchmark at Be	dinning of 1st	Established	$\frac{07.0\%}{0.0\%}$
Encom	10 Students	Minerisive at Begi 9% of Total Stude	anning of 1st	23.6% of Total Students			45 Students 1 62		$\Pi = 72$		
Count	3	4	3	25.	8	7	02.	97601101a13144	36	Deficit	6.9%
% of Instructional Recommendation	30%	40%	30%	11.8%	47.1%	41.2%	0%	20%	80%	Emerging	29.2%
% of Total	4 2%	5.6%	4 2%	2.8%	11.1%	9.7%	0%	12.5%	50%	Established	63.9%
McKinley	10 Students	Intensive at Begi	nning of 1st	12 Students	Strategic at Begi	nning of 1st	33 Students	Benchmark at Be	ginning of 1st	Estionshed	n = 55
	18.2	2% of Total Stude	ents	21.8	8% of Total Stud	ents	60	% of Total Stude	nts		
Count	5	4	1	1	10	1	1	10	22	Deficit	12.7%
% of Instructional Recommendation	50%	40%	10%	8.3%	83.3%	8.3%	3%	30.3%	66.7%	Emerging	43.6%
% of Total	9.1%	7.3%	1.8%	1.8%	18.2%	1.8%	1.8%	18.2%	40%	Established	43.6%
Washington	5 Students	Intensive at Begin	nning of 1st	24 Students Strategic at Beginning of 1st		58 Students Benchmark at Beginning of 1st				n = 87	
	5.7	% of Total Stude	nts	27.0	6% of Total Stud	ents	66.7% of Total Students				
Count	2	3	0	3	5	16	1	2	55	Deficit	6.9%
% of Instructional Recommendation	40%	60%	0%	12.5%	20.8%	66.7%	1.7%	3.4%	94.8%	Emerging	11.5%
% of Total	2.3%	3.4%	0%	3.4%	5.7%	18.4%	1.1%	2.3%	63.2%	Established	81.6%

CSI Report – Identify Targets of Opportunity

- Core Curriculum and Instruction Benchmark Students
 - Strength 95% of Benchmark Students Achieve Goal
 - Relative Strength Upper Third
 - Needs Support Middle Third
 - Needs Substantial Support Lower Third
- Supplemental Instruction Strategic Support Students
 - Strength 80% of Strategic Students Achieve Goal
 - Relative Strength Upper Third
 - Needs Support Middle Third
 - Needs Substantial Support Lower Third
- Intensive Intervention Intensive Support Students
 - Strength 80% of Intensive Students are Emerging or Achieve Goal
 - Relative Strength Upper Third
 - Needs Support Middle Third
 - Needs Substantial Support Lower Third

Meaningful Differences in Effectiveness of Core Curriculum and Instruction

- Schools differ in the percent of Benchmark Students who achieve literacy goals.
- Consistent and robust finding: Odds are in favor of achieving goals for benchmark students, but sometimes more in favor.
- 82% District wide
 - 82% Adams
 - 79% Garfield
 - 78% Jefferson
 - 80% Lincoln
 - 67% McKinley
 - 95% Washington

RTI or **PORTEI**?

- Most appropriate in a prevention-oriented framework.
- Previous disability models have been reactive and not proactive.
 - Wasted time, effort, and resources before investing in interventions for children
- Consistent with a continuum of support across general and special education like a <u>three tier model</u>.
- Rapidly escalating support.
- Focus on the level of support and resources to make adequate progress.

Prevention-Oriented Response to Intervention



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