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Subject: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports: 2014-2015 Regional Forums Hosted by the New York State Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Technical Assistance Center and the Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Centers Behavior Specialists

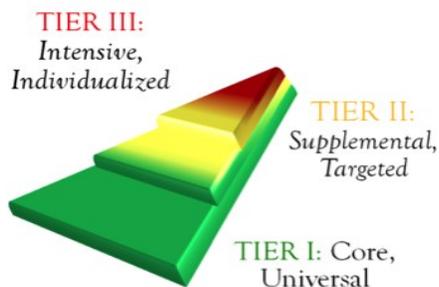
The New York State Education Department (NYSED), P-12: Office of Special Education is pleased to announce regional professional development workshops designed to inform schools about utilizing more advanced strategies for students in need of Tier Two and Tier Three Interventions within a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework.

To learn more about these forums please refer to the attached brochure or visit the NYS PBIS TAC website at: <http://nyspbis.org/RF1415/RF1415Overview.cfm> . If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Stephen Marchant at (518) 486-7462.

To ensure dissemination to appropriate individuals within a school district, I ask Superintendents to please share this memorandum with individuals such as Principals, PBIS Team Members, Directors of Special Education, School Psychologists, Committee on Special Education Chairpersons, Committee on Pre-School Special Education, and Directors of Pupil Personnel.

Summary

PBIS is defined as a prevention framework for enhancing the adoption and implementation of a continuum of evidence-based interventions to achieve academically and behaviorally important outcomes for all students (Sugai et al., 2000). PBIS reflects a continuum of supports that can be used by ANY school to create and maintain positive school climates where teachers can teach and students can learn. This evidence-based framework emphasizes preventing school discipline problems. As a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS), the PBIS model reflects a structure of Response to Intervention for Behavior (RTI:B) as illustrated below.



For more information about PBIS in NYS, or to find contact information for a RSE-TASC Behavior Specialist in your area please visit New York State's PBIS Technical Assistance Center at:
www.nyspbis.org



Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports 2014-2015 Regional Forums

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Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) 2014-15 Regional Forums: *“Prevent, Teach, & Reinforce - Promoting Student Use of Expected Behaviors”*



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Key Points

Overview

Eleven one-day regional sessions are being hosted by the New York State PBIS Technical Assistance Center and the Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Centers' (RSE-TASC) Behavior Specialists, to provide information on how to support students with challenging behavior. Emphasis will be placed on helping educators how to utilize tier two and tier three interventions to meet the needs of students who have difficulty responding to tier one interventions.



The key concepts to be covered during these sessions include:

- ⇒ the science behind behavior;
- ⇒ understanding how to prevent problem behavior from occurring; and
- ⇒ learning how to identify and teach functionally equivalent replacement behaviors.

Who should participate

General and special education classroom teams, including both teachers and teaching assistants. While prior knowledge of PBIS is not necessary, this training will be beneficial for PBIS team members at the Universal, Targeted, and Intensive levels. This professional development is open to all districts in the region at no cost, on a first come, first served basis.

If you require reasonable accommodations to participate in this training, please inform the RSE-TASC in your region.

Please contact the RSE-TASC in your region for registration information, room locations, and times

Mid Hudson: October 16, 2014
(845) 486-4840 Ext. 3136

Capital District/North Country: Nov. 6, 2014
(518) 464-3938

West: November 7, 2014
(716) 821-7542 or www.elb.org

Mid South: November 13, 2014
(607) 795-5338 ext. 1550

Mid-State/Central: November 21, 2014
(315) 433-2645, (315) 779-7157

Mid-West: December 12, 2014
(585) 383-6693

New York City: 1st offering - December 4, 2014
2nd offering - December 5, 2014
(718) 391-6844

Lower Hudson: January 26, 2015
(914) 248-2289

Long Island: February 24, 2015
(631) 218-4197

Please visit the following website for a map of the regions:

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/techassist/rsetasc/locations.htm>