Parents and the Response to Intervention Process

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Learning Targets

- Identify potential roles of parents in the RtI process
- Identify ways to inform parents of the RtI process
- List potential roadblocks for parents in understanding RtI
- Identify one example of a way to increase parental involvement with RtI
Reasons for Parental Involvement

It is a philosophy and a process
New systems identifying and addressing struggling students
Parent support for intervention

REASONS FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

RtI is a philosophy and process

- Standard Protocol Approach
  - School implements consistent systems of intervention for students with similar difficulties
  - These are instructional programs targeted to a specific skill
  - Standardized format

- Problem Solving Approach
  - Problem solving team that develops and guides the instructional program for the target student
  - Use of data and a continuing system of evaluation to make appropriate decisions for the targeted student

- Combination Approach
  - Combines both of these approaches

REASONS FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

RtI is a philosophy and process

- RtI can be confusing
- It is a different way of instructing
- Schools are changing the way they do things
REASONS FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

RtI is a philosophy and process
- New assessment systems are being developed to identify struggling students
  - Universal Screeners
  - Diagnostic Assessment
  - Progress Monitoring
  - Tiered Intervention/Prevention

NEW SYSTEMS IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING STRUGGLING STUDENTS

- Response to Intervention-
  - Parents need to understand the Response to Intervention model that a school or district uses

- Universal Screeners
  - Why are universal screeners used and what information do they offer?
    - Examples used in schools
      - MAP
      - Discovery Education
      - AIMSWeb
      - GRADE

- Progress Monitoring
  - Why do we progress monitor?
  - How does progress monitor differ from other forms of assessment?
  - What will the progress monitoring determine?

NEW SYSTEMS IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING STRUGGLING STUDENTS

- Tiered prevention/intervention
  - How is this different from the past?
    - What is offered at each level of intervention?
    - How does a parent know if their child is receiving an intervention?

- Diagnostic assessment
  - When might a student receive a diagnostic assessment?
    - How is it different from a universal screener?
PARENT SUPPORT FOR INTERVENTION

Parent Contributions to the RtI Process
- Parents can provide historical information
- Parents can provide suggestions for interventions
- Parents can support interventions at home with practice and reinforcement

WAYS TO INVOLVE PARENTS IN THE PROCESS

A Clear Plan of RtI in Your District or School
- When does a child receive an intervention?
- Who will be providing the intervention?
- What interventions are available?
- When do interventions change?
- Who is responsible for informing parents?
WAYS TO INVOLVE PARENTS IN THE PROCESS

Systems of Communicating to Parents About RTI
- Created information sheets
- Newsletters
- Webpage
- Brochures
- Student Handbook
- Inform students
- Guidance office
- Principal Updates

WAYS TO INVOLVE PARENTS IN THE PROCESS

Parent Meetings Focusing on RTI
- Back to School Night
- Data Night
- Curriculum Night
- Information session during conferences
- After-school/Evening informational session
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
POTENTIAL ROADBLOCKS FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Lots of new vocabulary
- RtI
- Multi-tiered interventions
- Implementation team, student assistant team
- PM
- US
- Data point
- Trend line
- Researched-based strategy

Resistance to Intervention
- The word intervention
- Stigma of intervention
- Don’t understand the process
POTENTIAL ROADBLOCKS FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

New Instructional Plan for Learning
- Standards
- Changes in achievement outcomes
- Philosophy of the process

“The role of families in response to intervention has been minimal”

DOES YOUR SCHOOL RTI PLAN INVOLVE YOUR PARENTS?
- Do you have a school RtI plan?
- Does everyone at the school understand the RtI plan?
- Is the plan being implemented?
- Is there a way to informed parents about the RtI Plan?
QUESTIONS?

REFERENCE


National Center on Response to Intervention http://www.rti4success.org/
RTI Action Network http://rtinetwork.org

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