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Early Childhood Recognition and Response Project Starting Strong Conference August, 2016



Learning Objectives for the Day

Participants will be able to:

- Define Recognition & Response and its Importance for Early Childhood
- Replicate in their District
 - identify current resources
 - brainstorm variations to work for their district
- Receive Resources and Materials

Our Time Together

- Wordle
- Our Project
- Who we are & our need
- What is RtI, R&R, its importance to Early Childhood
- The R&R meetings
- You can do this in your District Replication
- Time to work
- Time to share

How we got here: Teach to Lead Process

- 250 applications Tacoma, WA Summit
- 29 selected
- 3 selected to host a Leadership Lab
- Teach to Lead website: www.teachtolead.org





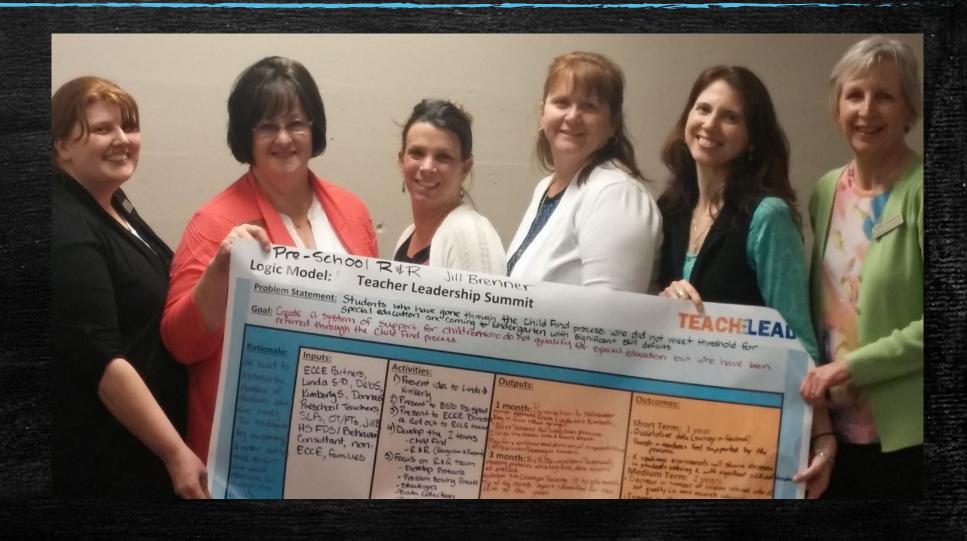


The Recognition and Response Team











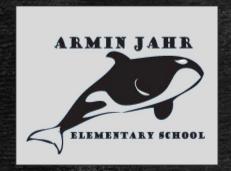
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List words to describe Recognition & Response

Welcome to Bremerton School District!



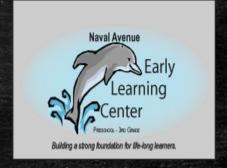












The ECCE is formed and gets to work!



Literacy

Focus &

Children with **Special Needs** attend local Head Start (1981)

> ECCE group formed based on data and research (2001) I-728 new money for funding; set goals

Building on strengths of our community, provide resources and professional development

The Goal is to provide a quality Early Childhood Experience for all children coming into Kindergarten



Early Childhood Care & Education "A Community Working Together"



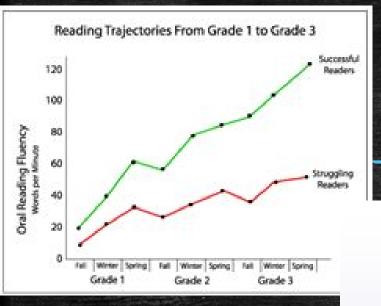
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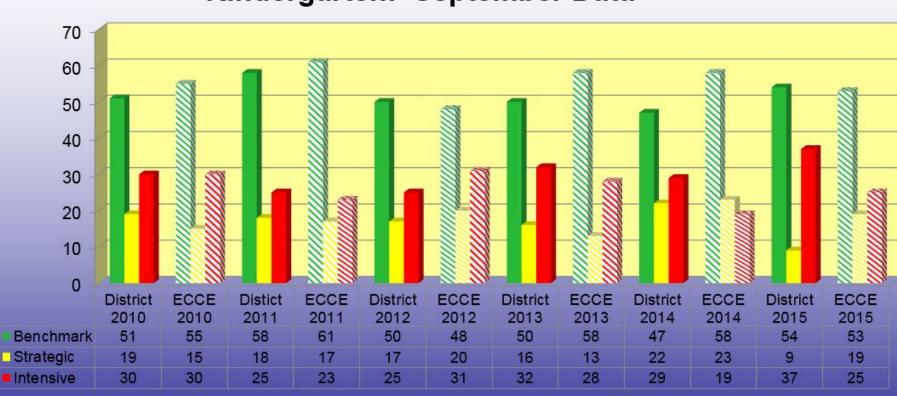
Literacy ~ Numeracy ~ Focus and Self -Control





The Reality

Instructional Recommendation DIBELS Next Kindergarten: September Data



Frame the Problem

- Children who are not eligible for services
- Others still have concerns
- How to help prior to Kindergarten
- If not us...Who?



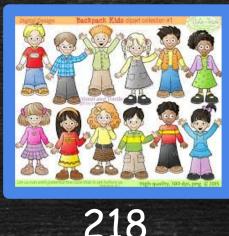




2012-2015 School Years

Have a nice life...





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Evaluate



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We want to Connect With Even More Children Before Kindergarten...

Response to Instruction (RtI) Recognition and Response (R & R)



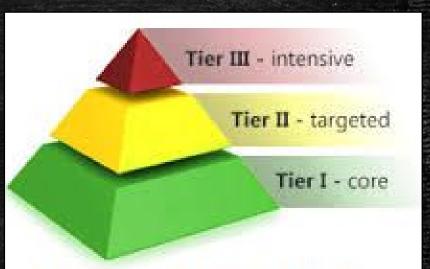
Recognition & Response is:

- → A Parallel system to school age RtI
- -> Proactive vs a Wait to Fail model
- → A process to identify preschool age children who are struggling, and provide supports

Response to Instruction (RtI)

- -IDEA Reauthorization of 2004
- -Proactive strategies
- School-aged Children





Services for School-Aged Children

Initiates RtI

• Family
• Teacher
demonstrates
need

Intervention Cycle

Time/Intensity/
Frequency
Changes May
Occur

Data reviewed

- 6 week Cycle Repeated if Needed
- Decision

Special Education
Evaluation

- Standardized Assessments
- Data Driven

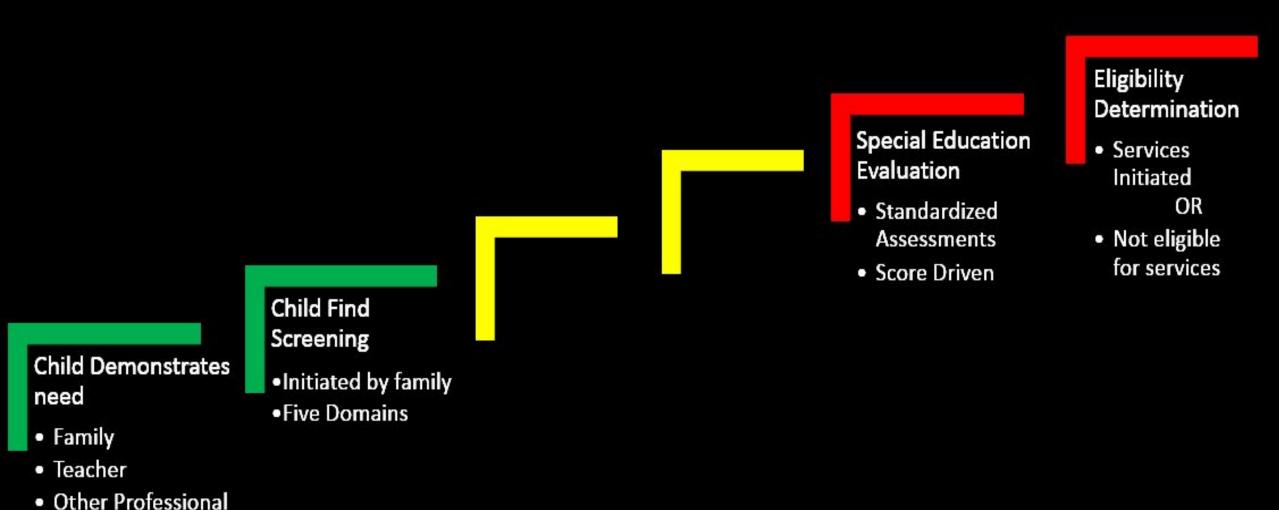
Eligibility Determination

- Services Initiated OR
- Return to Intervention Cycle

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So what does that look like for preschool services?

Services for Preschool Students



Services for Preschool Students 3 year old Transitions

Child Find
Screening
Initiated by family
Five Domains

Special Education Evaluation

- Standardized Assessments
- Score Driven

Eligibility Determination

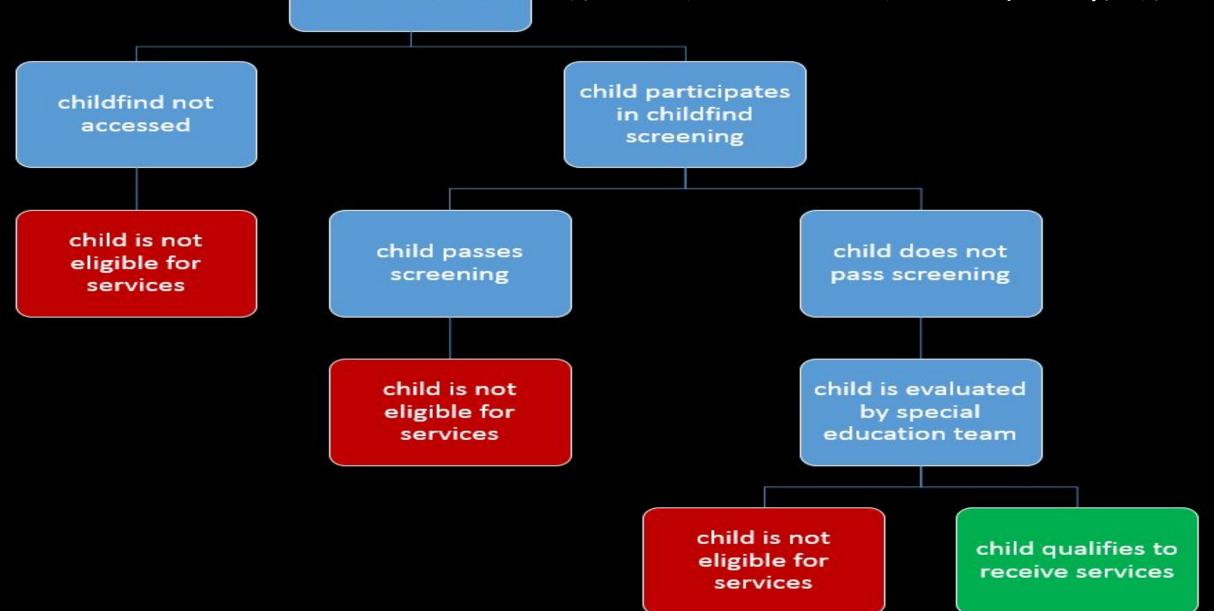
- Services Initiated OR
- Not eligible for services

- Family
- Teacher
- Other Professional

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Child presents with concerns

Opportunities to Access Support within the Standard Framework



Building the Bridge

Child Find Screening

- Initiated by family
- Five Domains

R & R Problem Solving Meeting

- Offered to the family
- Support network invited

R & R Plan Implemented

- R & R Team
- Next Steps Determined

Special Education Evaluation

- Standardized Assessments
- Score Driven

Eligibility Determination

- Services Initiated OR
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Child Demonstrates need

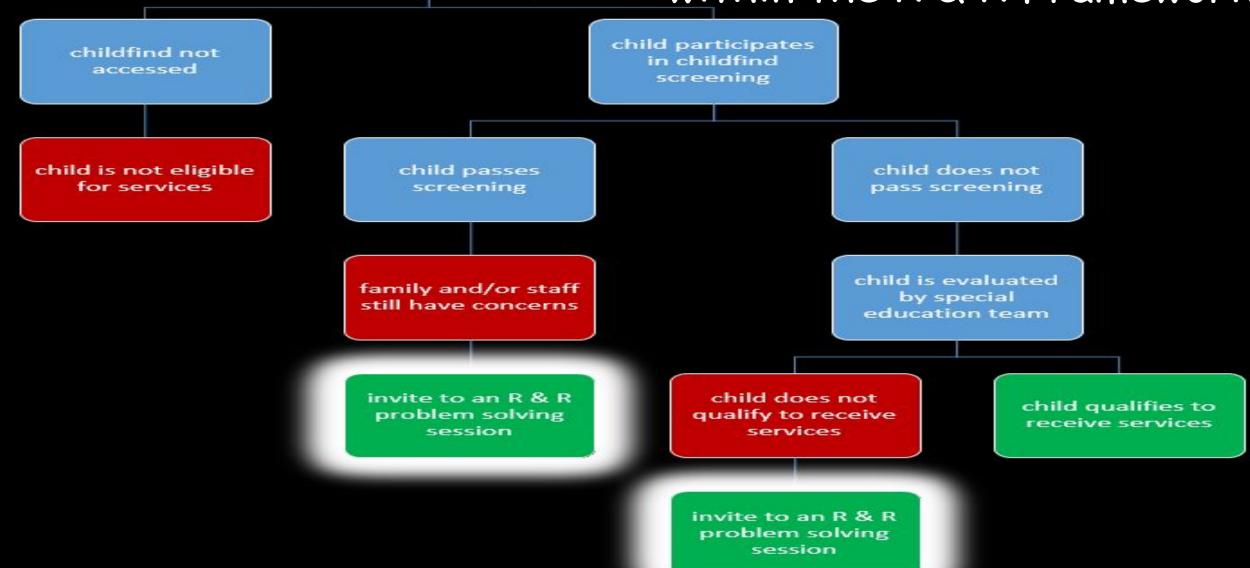
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follow up

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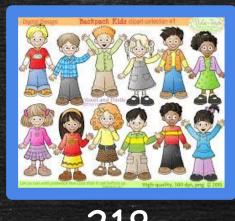
Opportunities to Access Support within the R & R Framework



Child Find

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Of the 76 students who did not qualify for special services, how many parents or teachers still had concerns?

Birth - Three Transition Evaluations

Did Not Qualify



2015-2016 School Year

Evaluated



Required Special Services



Two Reactions to Child NOT needing Special Services

- Relief
- · OHNO, WHAT DO I DO NOW?



The Project: Increasing Access Through Recognition & Response

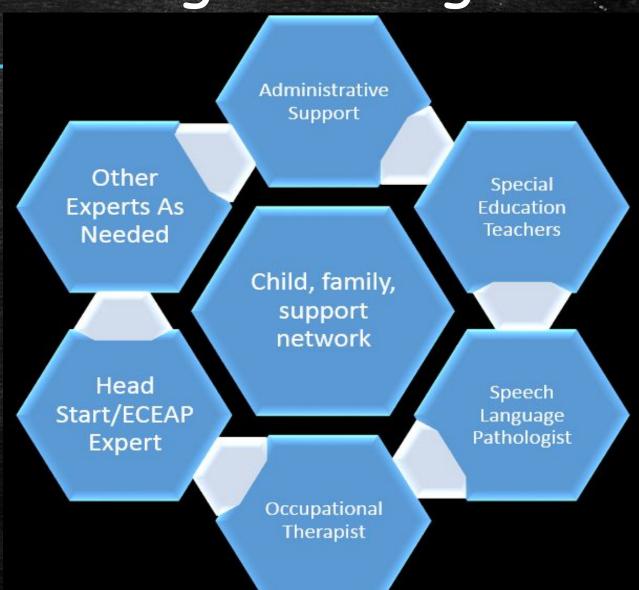
- Our new Recognition and Response system bridges the gap for children and families
- R & R Team meet with families and Early Childhood teachers for problem solving





R & R Problem Solving Meeting

- Ask family if they are interested in R&R Problem Solving Meeting and invite teacher
 - after Child Find
 - after evaluation if child is within normal limits



R&R Meeting Protocol

- Child strengths reviewed and celebrated
- Review, narrow, and prioritize concerns in interview format
- Family and teacher choose strategies to implement
- Provide further information on those strategies
- Follow up with family, teacher, other

Welcome	Child's name:
Introductions and pictur	e of the child
R&R information and the	e format of the meeting
Meeting Participants:	
Facilitator:	Recorder:
Others:	
Step 1: Identify the primary	concern (5 minutes) the classroom teacher(s) describe the child's strengths and then the priman
concern. Family:	
Teacher:	

What We Currently Share During the R & R Process:

Current

- Community Resource page for families
- Visual Schedules
- Contingency Maps
- Strategy Sheets
- Social Stories
- Token Systems

Future Possibilities

- Personalized materials
- Games
- Other Early Learning materials
- In home or classroom supports
- More intense and frequent follow up

Victoria Hilt

Parent who
Participated in
the R & R
Process





Carverlynne Prothero

Director of Emmanuel Lutheran Child Care Center "Teachers rave about strategies and that they can use for others as well"







"Parent reported they were very helpful ideas that he can use to help his child"

Your Turn! Replication In Your District



Resources & Materials From Our Team

- Strategy Sheets
- Visual Supports given to families and teachers
- One page description of R & R process
- Protocol used (adapted from Intervention Central)

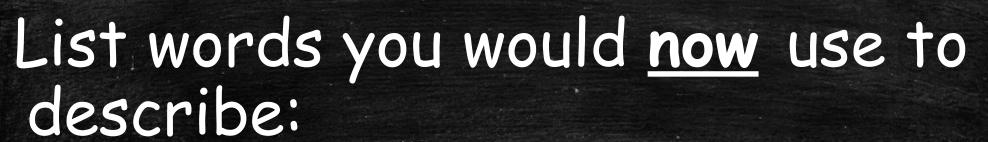
Review of Learning Targets:

- Define Recognition & Response and State its Importance for Early Childhood
- Replication in Your District
 - identify current resources and brainstorm variations to work for your district
- Leave with Resources and Materials From Our Team

Exit Task:

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Contact us at rrteam@bremertonschools.org if you have any questions or want to find out more about what we are doing!

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