

Why do teachers leave?

- Most consistently listed factors:
 - Lack of pedagogical training
 - School environment
 - Poor student behavior and motivation
- Teachers consistently report:
 - Inadequate pre-service training on classroom management and
 - Lack of support and training for handling student behaviors

(Boyd, Grossman, Ing, Lankford, Loeb, & Wyckoff, 2011; Chesley & Jordan, 2012; Feng, 2006; Hefford, 1998; Henke, Zahm, & Carroll, 2001; Ingersoll, 2001; Ingersoll, Merrill, Mide, 2012; Johnson & Birkeland, 2003; Kasko-Konwinski, 2009; Lane, Wehby, & Barton-Arwood, 2005; Luskens, Lyter, Fox, & Changler, 2004; Slough, 2006; Torres, 2012; Zabel & Zabel, 2002)



What about the kids?

- Students benefit when teachers implement evidence-based PCBS practices.¹
- *Unfortunately*, we're not there yet.
 - Teachers implement PCBS practices at lower rates than desired.²
 - Students with challenging behavior experience even less praise, fewer opportunities to respond, more reprimands, and more negative or coercive interactions.³

¹(Simonsen, Fairbanks, Briesch, Myers, & Sugai, 2008)

²(Stankovic, Henman, & Stormont, 2012; Scott, Alper, & Hiers, 2011)

³(e.g., Carr, Taylor & Robinson, 1991; Kauffman & Brigham, 2009; Scott et al., 2011; Sutherland & Oswald, 2005)



We know a bit about what's likely to work:

Evidence-based practices in classroom management

1. **Maximize structure** in your classroom.
2. Post, teach, review, monitor, and reinforce a small number of positively stated **expectations**.
3. **Actively engage** students in observable ways.
4. Establish a **continuum of strategies** to **acknowledge appropriate behavior**.
5. Establish a **continuum of strategies** to **respond to inappropriate behavior**.

(Simonsen, Fairbanks, Briesch, Myers, & Sugai, 2008)



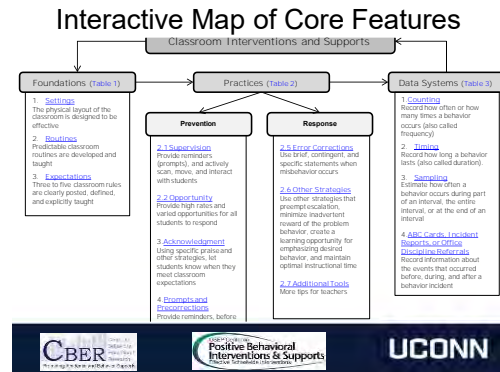
Supporting and Responding to Behavior

Evidence-Based Classroom Strategies for Teachers

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Self-Assessment

Teachers should start with the first statement on the self-assessment. When unsure of an answer, teachers should go to the part of the interactive map indicated and read more about the practice.

Classroom Interventions and Supports Self-Assessment	Yes	No
1. The classroom "Supports Learning" to meet the needs of all students.		
If yes, continue with self-assessment. If no, begin with 1.7 on the interactive map.		
2. Classroom "Routines" are developed, taught, and practiced.		
If yes, continue with self-assessment. If no, begin with 1.2 on the interactive map.		
3. Three to five positive classroom "Expectations" are posted, defined, and explicitly taught.		
If yes, continue with self-assessment. If no, begin with 1.3 on the interactive map.		
4. "Examples and Prompts" are provided proactively.		
5. "Error Correction" are varied and are provided at high rates.		
If yes, continue with self-assessment. If no, begin with 2.2 on the interactive map.		
6. Specific praise and other strategies are used to "Acknowledge, Reinforce, and Promote" .		
If yes, continue with self-assessment. If no, begin with 2.3 on the interactive map.		
7. "Supervision" is consistently given before a behavior might occur.		
If yes, continue with self-assessment. If no, begin with 2.4 on the interactive map.		
8. The "Classroom Interventions and Supports" in the classroom are appropriate and systematic.		
If yes, continue with self-assessment. If no, begin with 2.5 on the interactive map.		
9. "Data Systems" are used to collect information about classroom behavior.		
If yes, continue with self-assessment. If no, begin with 3.0 on the interactive map.		
If yes, visit "Classroom Success" center, and make adjustments as needed.		





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    Start([START]) --> Question1{Are all of the core features in place as implemented with consistency?}
    Question1 -- Yes --> Review[Review data periodically to ensure the effectiveness of the core features]
    Question1 -- No --> Question2{Do the data indicate that students are not engaging in problem behaviors?}
    Review --> Question2
    Question2 -- Yes --> Question3{Do observable indicators are unique to students?}
    Question2 -- No --> Question4{Can observable outcomes be adjusted as needed?}
    Question3 -- Yes --> Major[Major: Determine the number of students involved]
    Question3 -- No --> Minor[Minor: Use brief, specific minor consequence and/or consequence strategies]
    Question4 -- Yes --> Major
    Question4 -- No --> Minor
    Major --> Next[Next: Review, adjust and reinforce practices. Request additional support as needed]
    Minor --> Next
    Next --> Final[Final: Request additional support for students and/or additional resources]
  
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The flowchart outlines a decision-making process for implementing best practices in the classroom. It begins with a 'START' point, leading to a decision: 'Are all of the core features in place as implemented with consistency?'. If 'Yes', the teacher is directed to 'Review data periodically to ensure the effectiveness of the core features', which then leads to the next decision: 'Do the data indicate that students are not engaging in problem behaviors?'. If 'No', the process moves to 'Can observable outcomes be adjusted as needed?'. Both 'Yes' and 'No' answers to the second decision lead to 'Can observable indicators are unique to students?'. If 'Yes', the next step is 'Major: Determine the number of students involved'. If 'No', the next step is 'Minor: Use brief, specific minor consequence and/or consequence strategies'. Both 'Major' and 'Minor' paths lead to 'Next: Review, adjust and reinforce practices. Request additional support as needed'. Finally, the 'Next' step leads to 'Final: Request additional support for students and/or additional resources'.

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In addition to using the evidence-based strategies provided in the prior interactive map, self-assessment, and tables, teachers should apply the following strategy and consider the following guidelines when responding to students' challenging behavior.

Responding to Behaviors in the Classroom—Make It FAST!				
F	A	S	T	
<p>F Identify the behavior that is causing the problem. Responding to behavior in the way that you think it addresses the student's needs is more likely to be successful than responding in the way that you think will punish the behavior. The likelihood of the student repeating the behavior is much less likely to occur (see this video from University of Utah, see this video from University of Utah for more information).</p>	<p>A Analyze the behavior. As much as possible, use objective and consistent evidence to determine the function of the behavior and the increasing complexity of the behavior.</p>	<p>S Select the response. It's best to be as specific as possible when addressing behavior. Selecting a response that is most powerful for the behavior you are addressing are examples of how behavior can be specific.</p>	<p>T Try the response. Responding to behavior immediately after the behavior will make the behavior more powerful.</p>	
Types of Behavior and Common Responses				
Aggressive or escalated behavior	Inappropriate and/or disruptive minor behaviors	Repetitive and/or disruptive minor behaviors and/or disruptive	Administrative/changed behaviors	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a student does an aggressive behavior, the teacher should respond with a calm voice and use the least restrictive response possible to address the behavior. • Use specific, objective evidence to determine the function of the behavior. • Consider using praise with other students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a student does an inappropriate and/or disruptive minor behavior, the teacher should respond with a calm voice. • Use specific, objective evidence to determine the function of the behavior. • When a student is escalated, the teacher should respond with a calm voice and use the least restrictive response possible to address the behavior. • Consider using praise with other students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow school procedures for repetitive and/or disruptive minor behaviors and/or disruptive behaviors. • Use specific, objective evidence to determine the function of the behavior. • Try to pair the behavior with a positive response. • Consider using praise with other students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow school procedures for administrative/changed behaviors. • Use specific, objective evidence to determine the function of the behavior. • Consider using praise with other students. 	

Scenarios to Illustrate Implementation

The following scenarios highlight how teachers may use these classroom strategies with the decision-making guide to support student behavior in their classrooms. The first scenario is based in an elementary school. The second scenario is based in a high school.

Scenario 1: Mr. Jorgel's Third-Grade Classroom

Foundations of Classroom Interventions and Supports

Mr. Jorgel invested time into carefully designing his classroom before any of his 20 third graders arrived in the fall. He carefully planned his routines—from when students would place materials upon entering the room to where they would line up when getting ready to exit—and ensured the physical layout facilitated students engaging in routines. He also derived clear 100% goals for students to follow the individualized expectations (entry, cleanup, and responsibility, which were agreed upon by the faculty and documented in a schoolwide routine, in the context of each of his classroom routines (using an expectation/Action/Outcome matrix). On the first day of school, Mr. Jorgel greeted students at the door, introduced himself, and invited students into their shared learning environment. He spent the latter part of the first day explicitly teaching the expectations within his classroom routines and establishing his classroom as a positive learning environment. Throughout the day, he systematically recognized each student who followed the expectations with specific praise (e.g., "John, remembering to bring your materials was really **responsive**. That's a great way to start the **year**!"). He also wrote and invited students to sign a "Classroom Constitution" (also known as a behavior contract).

Mr. Jorgel's Classroom Constitution (with strategies in parentheses)
Members of our classroom community are respectful, responsible, and safe (expectations). Mr. Jorgel will support us by teaching us what this looks like during activities (explicit instruction), providing daily reminders (prompts), and letting us know how we are doing (specific feedback). If we are able to do this most of the time (during 80 percent of sampled opportunities when the mystery timer goes off) each day, we will earn 10 minutes of quiet music time at the end of each day (group contingency). During this time, we can start on homework, read a book, or do a quiet activity with a friend while listening to music. If we aren't able to do this most of the time, we will spend the 10 minutes reviewing our classroom expectations so that we can have a better day tomorrow.

Consistent implementation of positive and proactive practices
After the first day, Mr. Jorgel kept up his part of the Classroom Constitution. He greeted students every morning, provided reminders about expected behavior at the beginning of each activity, ensured his routines were engaging and included multiple opportunities for students to respond and participate, and gave students specific feedback when they were doing well. He also found that most students were consistently demonstrating expected behavior.



But we don't seem to be doing "it"

	Specific Praise	General Praise	OTR	Corrective/Reprimand
Reinke et al. (2012) ¹	0.13	0.43	1.43	0.67
Scott et al. (2011) ²	0.06 (overall positive)		0.57	0.07
Hirn & Scott (2014) ³	0.03 (overall positive)		0.47 Group 0.06 Indiv.	0.08
Pas et al. (2015) ⁴	0.12 (approval)		0.93	0.27

¹Based on observations of 33 elementary teachers in schools implementing PBIS with fidelity
²Based on > 1000 observations of elementary and high school teachers in schools not identified as implementing PBIS
³Based on 827 observations of high school teachers
⁴Based on observations of 3262 high school teachers prior to PBIS implementation

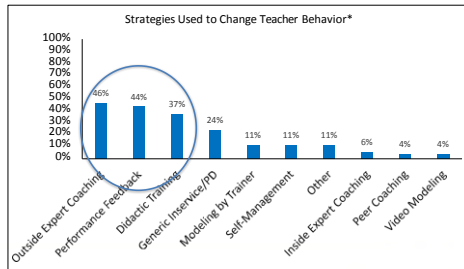


Why aren't we doing "it"?

What do we know from the empirical literature?

- Teachers typically receive little pre- or in-service training in classroom management
(Begeny & Martens, 2006; Freeman, Simonsen, Briere, & MacSuga, in press; Markow, Moessner, & Horowitz, 2006; Special Education Elementary Longitudinal Study, 2001, 2002, 2004; Wei, Darling-Hammond, & Adomson, 2010)
- Multi-component training packages (didactic training + coaching + performance feedback + etc.) result in desired behavior change, especially when trained skills are effective
(Abbott et al., 1998; Hiralall & Martens, 1998; Madsen, Becker, & Thomas, 1968; Freeman et al., in preparation; The Metropolitan Area Child Study Research Group & Gorman-Smith, 2003; Rollins et al., 1974)





*Categories not mutually exclusive (Freeman, et al., 2016)



We can do this!

- We need to support teachers implementation of evidence based classroom management practices..... and we can!
 - We know what evidence based classroom management **practices** look like.
 - We have a science to support **implementation**.
 - We have **tools** to describe and illustrate what implementing evidence based classroom management "looks like."



What *is* implementation?

- **Implementation** is "...specified set of activities designed to put into practice an activity or program of known dimensions" (Fixsen, Naoom, Blasé, Friedman, & Wallace, 2005, p. 5)
- It's what **we do**.
- **Implementation outcomes** include "changes in..."
 - "...**adult** professional behavior"
 - "...organizational **structures and cultures**...to support the changes in adult professional behavior"
 - "...**relationships** to consumers, stakeholders, ...and systems partners" (Fixsen et al., 2005, p. 12)



Isn't there science to guide implementation?

Translated into our language (based on theirs)...

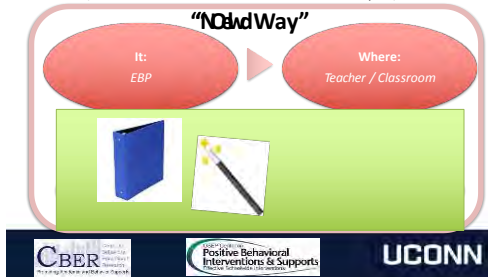
- **Begin with an "it"** (evidence-based practice [EBP] or program; aka "source" or "best example")
- **Identify the "who"** (individuals who work to implement with fidelity; aka "purveyors")
- **Identify the "where"** (individuals and organizations that will adopt the EBP; aka "destination")
- **Determine "how": train, prompt, and use data** (performance feedback; aka "feedback mechanism" or information flow)
- **Consider context** (aka "influence")

(Fixsen, Naoom, Blasé, Friedman, & Wallace, 2005, p.12)



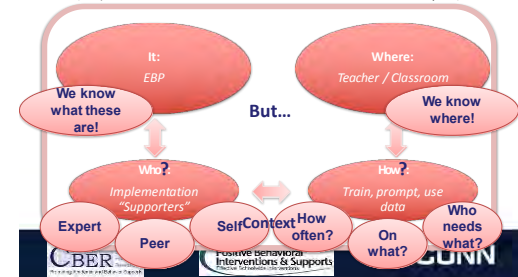
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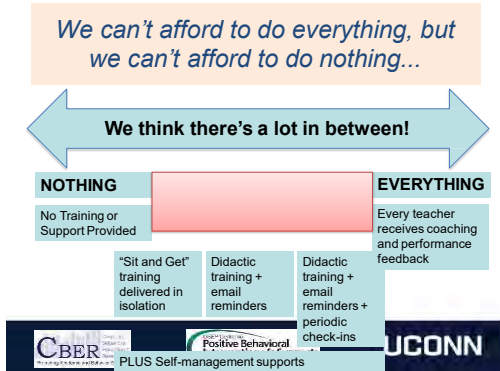
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This is one way to start organizing our implementation supports

(Adapted from Fixsen, Naoom, Blasé, Friedman, & Wallace, 2005, p.12)

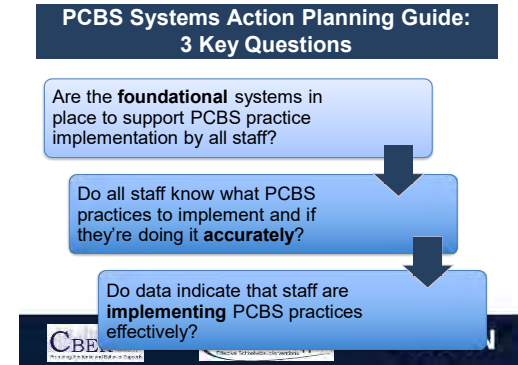




PBIS TECHNICAL BRIEF ON SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT TEACHERS' IMPLEMENTATION OF POSITIVE CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR SUPPORT

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PCPS implementation is a clear school and district priority

Examples:

- Implementation of PCBS connected to clear need in building
- Implementation of PCBS connected to academic instruction
- PCBS strategies adapted to ensure classroom contextual and cultural fit

Non-Examples:

- Data demonstrating need are not regularly shared
- Academic strategies taught in isolation
- Training on practices not connected to why it is important in the school




School and district resources are available to support PCBS implementation

Examples:

- Dedicated time for training
- Dedicated time for coaching functions
- Regular data review
- Celebration or recognition of staff implementation

Non-Examples:

- No dedicated time or resources
- Data not shared or not used in problem solving
- Staff recognition not available or used to celebrate PCBS implementation




School and district teams have considered alignment and integration of PCBS with other district priorities and initiatives

Examples:

- District and school administrators have communicated a clear priority for PCBS implementation.

Non-Examples:

- No practices are prioritized for implementation, identified strategies lack evidence of effectiveness, and/or priority practices are not effectively disseminated among all staff.

Turn and Talk

- Review the critical features of **Foundational Systems** and examples we just discussed.
- Identify questions or areas for clarification.



PCBS Systems Action Planning Guide: 3 Key Questions

Are the **foundational** systems in place to support PCBS practice implementation by all staff?

Do all staff know what PCBS practices to implement and if they're doing it **accurately**?

Do data indicate that staff are **implementing** PCBS practices effectively?



Clear **expectations** and explicit **training** about practices that should be implemented by all staff.

Examples:

- Prompts and reminders
- Supportive data-based feedback
- Supports may be delivered by
 - Coach/mentor
 - Peer/peer team
 - Self

Non-Examples:

- Data delivered in punitive evaluative fashion
- Feedback delayed or not data-based






Coaching and/or regularly available performance feedback on the use of PCBS practices?

Examples:

- Clearly stated outcomes
- Explicit (model, lead, test) approach
- Job-embedded
 - Linked to school data
 - Delivered in various contexts and connected to practice




Non-Examples:

- PD focuses *only* on theory and assumes educators will discover practices
- Full-day intensive training with no follow-up
- Short trainings not connected to larger need, structure, etc.




See Systems Brief

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal or external coach or mentor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School or district behavior coach sends regular reminders to staff of the critical features of PCBS strategies, conducts walk-through observations of educators, and provides specific and supportive feedback. Mentors assigned to support educators provide reminders of the critical features of PCBS strategies, collect data on the use of each skill, and provide supportive data-based feedback. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentoring or coaching conversations are not focused on specific PCBS strategies or guided by data. Data are not kept confidential but are shared with peers or administrators or used for evaluative purposes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Learning Communities established within grade-level or department teams focus on strategies targeted for improvement; team members review critical features of targeted practice and provides feedback and implementation support to each other. Pairs of educators work together reminding one another of the critical features of each skill, provide practice opportunities, and observational feedback. Educators commit to being a dedicated coach for at least one strategy and a dedicated learner of a new strategy. Educators are provided with explicit instruction in one or more specific classroom management strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of structure for meetings (e.g., not using data to select targeted skills or guide conversations); lack of trust among members; focus becomes student-specific rather than educator skills focused.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educators are provided with explicit instruction in one or more specific classroom management strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking educators to self-manage without clearly understanding the targeted strategy or data collection

Turn and Talk

- Review the critical features of **Effective PD** and examples we just discussed.
- Identify questions or areas for clarification.

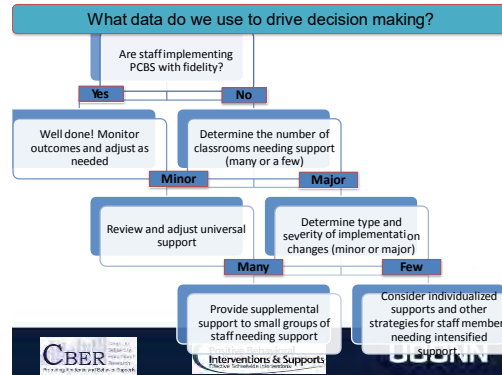




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Data Collection Strategy	Conditions and Examples	Non Examples of Use	Tools and Resources for Data Collection Method
Self-Assessment Checklists	What key strategies can I use to collect data on teacher PCBS implementation? • Staff have received training on and can identify examples of each measured skill.	Under what conditions will this strategy be inappropriate? • Staff are unable to recognize or describe PCBS practices. • Staff have not been trained in use of the checklist.	What are some sample tools? • Classroom Assessment of Student Engagement • MO SW-FBS Teacher Self-Assessment of the Effective Classroom Practices (2016)
Observer Checklists	• Prepare staff for visit; ensure opportunities for shared reflection and problem solving.	• Observations are used for evaluation purposes or data is not shared back with staff.	• MO SW-FBS Teacher Self-Assessment of the Effective Classroom Practices • Wisconsin Walk-through Tools
Tools for Measuring Discrete Skills or Strategies	• Staff have received training on and can identify examples of each measured skill. • Staff have set specific goals for improvement of targeted skills.	• Data needed for decision making requires information on more than one or two discrete skills.	• Self-management (online resources) • Data-collection applications • SCOA

- Review the critical features of **Data-based Decision Making** and examples we just discussed.
- Identify questions or areas for clarification.



Tier 1
Intensive PD: Data-driven Consultation

Tier 2
Targeted PD: Self-Management with Peer or Coaching Supports

Tier 3
Universal (PD: Training & Self-Management)

Tier 4
Universal Screening Walk-through & Student Data Review

Progress Monitoring
Walk-through, Student Data Review, Teacher Collected Data

Universal Screening
Walk-through & Student Data Review

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TABLE 4
STRATEGIES TO INTENSIFY SUPPORTS



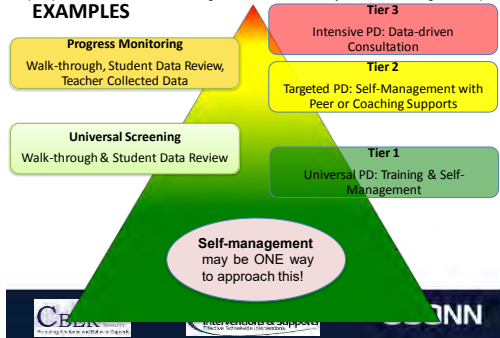
Identifying supports for educators		
	Teacher support The degree to which educators are supported in their role as classroom teachers and in their role as change agents in their schools and districts	Support The category of support that educators need to be able to implement the strategies of the program
Form of support (provision)	Use of school and district resources to provide general guidance on FCPS Address specific support for FCPS through technical, policy, and practice	School-based support District-level support State-level support
Professional expertise	Experienced and well-versed in all roles in a school or district Knowledgeable in the history	Experienced and well-versed in all roles in a school or district Knowledgeable in the history
Existing expertise availability	Not currently provided	Not currently provided
Amount and frequency of the support	Frequent high quality training, coaching and support	Frequent high quality training, coaching and support





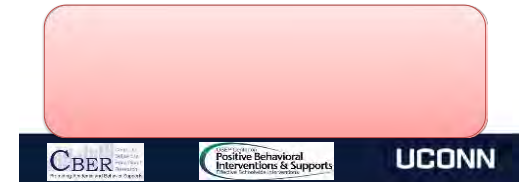


Multi-tiered Framework of Professional Development Support (adapted from Simonsen, MasSuga, Briere, Freeman, Myers, Scott, & Sugai, 2013)



Self Management: A promising component of effective and efficient PD support

- **Self-management:** Individuals manage their own behavior in the same manner as they manage anyone else's—"through the manipulation of variables of which behavior is a function" (Skinner, 1953, p. 228).
 - Self-manipulation of antecedents
 - Engaging in other (self-management) behaviors to affect probability of target behaviors
 - Self-monitoring and self-evaluation
 - Self-manipulation of consequences (e.g., self-reinforcement)



What does our initial research on self-management indicate?

- Across four studies, we've found that self-management with email coaching prompts resulted in desired initial increases in specific classroom management skills across teachers. We are still working to enhance maintenance and generalization of effects.

(Simonsen, Freeman, Dooley, Maddock, & Kern, in preparation)

See classroom tab of nepbis.org for copies of the training scripts, email prompts, and spreadsheets we've developed for tracking

- praise,
- prompts, and
- opportunities to respond.



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We've now tested the targeted-PD approach with:

- ...**more teachers: 16 Teachers** across two schools
- ...**more skills:**
 - specific praise,
 - prompts for social behavior, and
 - academic opportunities to respond (OTRs)
- ...**a group experimental design:** counter-balanced **interrupted time series** design
 - Randomly assigned to one of two cohorts
 - Collected **data** before and after each skill-focused training
- ...and we've now replicated again with **natural implementers**



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Implementing Targeted Professional Development (PD)

- Targeted PD may work as **tier 1 or 2** PD support for teachers.
- May be facilitated by a **school-based behavior coach**, instructional coach, or other school leader with behavioral expertise.



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Targeted PD Includes

- Brief **didactic training** (1:1 or group setting)
 - Definition of skill
 - Rationale for using the skill
 - Examples/non-examples of the skill
 - Activity to apply the skill in the natural context
 - Definition of and instruction in self-management
- Teacher/staff **self-management**
 - Daily **self-monitoring** during brief (15 min) sample of instruction
 - Daily **self-evaluation** (entering data, determining if goal was met)
 - **Self-reinforcement** (celebrating on days when goal is met)
- Weekly **email reminders** re: skill use and self-management strategies (by behavior coach)
- Periodic (e.g., bi-weekly) **"fidelity monitoring"** of skill use and self-management (by behavior coach)



Example Presentation: Specific Praise

- Definition
- Rationale
- Examples
- Critical features



Definitions

What is specific and contingent praise?

- “*Specific, contingent praise* is a **positive statement**, typically provided by the teacher, when a desired behavior occurs (**contingent**) to inform students **specifically** what they did well.”

(Simonsen, Fairbanks, Briesch, Myers, & Sugai, 2008)



Rationale

(Simonsen, Fairbanks, Briesch, Myers, & Sugai, 2008)

Why provide contingent praise?

- Delivering **contingent praise** for
 - academic behavior increased participants'
 - (a) correct responses (Sutherland & Wehby, 2001),
 - (b) work productivity and accuracy (Craft, Alber, & Heward, 1998; Wolford, Heward, & Alber, 2001),
 - (c) language and math performance on class work (Roca & Gross, 1996), and
 - (d) academic performance (Good, Eller, Spangler, & Stone, 1981).
 - appropriate social behavior increased participants'
 - (a) on-task behavior (Ferguson, & Houghton, 1992),
 - (b) student attention (Brodin, Bruce, Mitchell, Carter, & Hall, 1970),
 - (c) compliance (Wilcox, Newman, & Pitchford, 1988),
 - (d) positive self-referent statements (Phillips, 1984), and
 - (e) cooperative play (Serbin, Tonick, & Sternglanz, 1977).



Rationale

Why provide specific praise?

- Increasing the number of **behavior specific praise statements** was associated with an increase in on-task behavior (Sutherland, Wehby, & Copeland, 2000).
- Providing contingent praise in conjunction with either establishing classroom rules in isolation (Becker, Madsen, & Arnold, 1967) or classroom rules paired with ignoring inappropriate behavior (Yawkey, 1971) was associated with increased appropriate classroom behavior.

Bottom line, research indicates is a good idea!

(Simonsen, Fairbanks, Briesch, Myers, & Sugai, 2008)



Examples & Non-examples

Is this specific praise?

Quick activity to check our understanding of specific praise.

If the scenario on the ppt is an example of specific praise, give us a "thumbs up."



If the scenario is NOT an example of specific praise, give us a "thumbs down."



Examples & Non-examples

Is this specific praise?



During educator-directed instruction, a student raises her hand. The educator says, "Thank you for raising your hand."



It's a *positive verbal statement* that occurs *immediately after* and *specifically names* the expected behavior.



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Examples & Non-examples

Is this specific praise?



During educator-directed instruction, students are talking over the educator. The educator rolls his eyes and says, "Gee, thanks for listening."



This is sarcasm, not specific praise.



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Examples & Non-examples

Is this specific praise?



A student enters the class during educator-directed instruction; the student quietly walks to his seat. The educator walks over to the student and whispers, "Thank you for coming in the room quietly."



It's a *positive verbal statement* that occurs *immediately after* and *specifically names* the expected behavior.



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Examples & Non-examples

Is this specific praise?



During a direct instruction lesson, the educator points to the consonant blend /th/, which is underlined in the word "though," and says, "What sound?"



This is an opportunity to respond.



Critical Features

So, what is specific praise?

- Verbal statement (i.e., not look or gesture)
- Deliver *immediately after* the behavior
- Specifically *state the desired behavior* demonstrated



Activity: Specific Praise

How will you use specific praise in your classroom?

In your handout, write three (or more) specific praise statements that you will use during educator-directed instruction to recognize appropriate social behavior.



Developing Self-Management

How will you increase the likelihood that you will deliver specific praise for appropriate social behavior?

- Definition of self-management
- Description of self-management for this skill
- Review/discussion of materials needed to implement
- Practice using strategies



Definitions

What is self-management?

- According to Skinner (1953), we manage our own behavior in the same manner as we manage anyone else's—"through the manipulation of variables of which behavior is a function" (p. 228).
- Self-management is engaging in one response (the self-management behavior) that affects the probability of a subsequent behavior (the target or desired behavior).
- For example, keeping a "to do" list (self-management behavior) may increase the likelihood that you "do" the things on your list (target behaviors).



Develop Self-management Plan

Estimate Your Current Praise Rate: _____	specific praise statements per minute
Initial Praise Rate Goal: _____	specific praise statements per minute
Plan for Increasing Praise:	
Identify how you will (a) prompt/remember yourself to use praise, (b) use other strategies (e.g., target praise statements and your focus) to increase praise, and (c) prompt/remember yourself to self-reinforce.	(a)
	(b)
	(c)
Self-directed Reinforcement:	
Identify the reinforcer you will deliver daily when you meet your goal.	
Procedure for Self-delivered Reinforcement:	
Identify when you will (a) enter your praise data, (b) determine if you met your goal, and (c) administer yourself (e.g., how you will deliver/reinforce your reinforcement).	(a)
	(b)
	(c)
Procedure for Email Coaching:	
Identify when you will check email to receive additional prompts and submit your data each week.	

See example for specific praise at nepbis.org



Use Self-management

- Self-monitor
- Use spreadsheet to enter data and self-evaluate

Date	Behavior 1	Behavior 2	Behavior 3	Behavior 4	Behavior 5
1/1/17					
1/2/17					
1/3/17					
1/4/17					
1/5/17					
1/6/17					
1/7/17					
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1/27/17					
1/28/17					
1/29/17					
1/30/17					
1/31/17					

- Self-reinforce
- See examples on "classrooms" tab at nepbis.org.



Weekly Email Reminders

- Brief email reminders about praise and skill use.
- For example:

Remember, specific praise is contingent (delivered immediately after the behavior), specific (names the desired behavior exhibited), and positive.

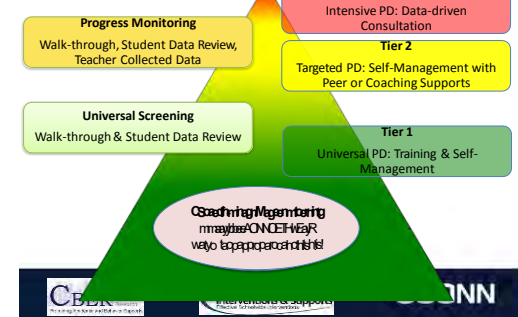
'Nice hand raise' and 'Thank you for actively listening' are examples of brief specific praise statements.

Keep on counting, graphing, reviewing your data, and reinforcing yourself when you meet your goal!



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What about other approaches?

- Consultation approaches may provide intensive supports for new or in-service teachers.

(Briere, Simonsen, Myers, & Sugai, 2015; MacSuga & Simonsen, 2011)

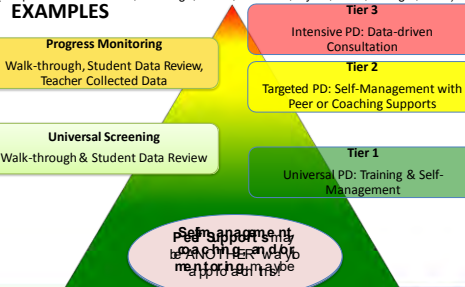
Another Research Example...

Don Briere explored the effects of within-school consultation (self-monitoring + structured weekly meetings) on the specific praise rates of 3 new (induction) elementary school teachers



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Questions and Discussion

Thank you!

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