

MiMTSS Newsletter

Michigan's Multi-Tiered System of Supports



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Welcome to this edition of the MiMTSS newsletter. Each edition keeps you up-to-date about the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) efforts to support effective MTSS implementation. Please share this newsletter and subscribe at [MDE Email Lists](#).

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MiMTSS News to Know

MiMTSS Early Childhood Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Leadership Forum

Four early childhood sites recently gathered for a Leadership Forum to share their work over the past six months of participation in the Early Childhood PBIS model demonstration project. Members of MDE's Early Childhood MTSS State Team and the National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations (NCPMI) heard directly from each site's leadership teams about their successes and challenges in their first six months of implementation. The teams are focused on a [program-wide implementation approach](#) to the [Pyramid Model](#) which includes using data-based decision-making to guide implementation efforts and monitor outcomes.

The four sites' presentations highlighted components of the program-wide approach: Leadership Team, Staff Buy-In, Family Engagement, Program-Wide Expectations, Classroom Implementation of the Pyramid Model, Staff Professional Development and Support Plans, Behavior Support Procedures, and Data-Based Decision Making. Their messaging was clear: Implementing a program-wide approach to the Pyramid Model is hard but important work.

Thank you to the Sodt Great Start Readiness Program Center (Monroe Intermediate School District (ISD), Shelby Early Childhood Center, Surline Elementary 4s program (West Branch Rose City Schools), and Wyandotte Early Childhood Center for paving the way for preschool programs across the state to strengthen the social, emotional, and behavioral supports provided to all our young children to foster their school readiness.

News from the MiMTSS Technical Assistance Center

MTSS Recognition During 2020-2021

MDE and the MiMTSS Technical Assistance (TA) Center have developed a process for identifying and recognizing ISDs, districts, and schools that are demonstrating strong outcomes and/or making progress related to meeting the needs of every learner through a multi-tiered framework.

The recognition process uses information housed in the MiMTSS Data System and organizations need not apply to be eligible for recognition. The three types of MTSS Recognition during 2020-21 included:

- 1) MTSS Professional Learning;
- 2) MTSS Data Collection; and
- 3) MTSS Implementation and Impact.

An organization may be eligible to receive multiple types of recognition. Award letters went to 332 Districts and 52 ISDs. Learn more about [MTSS Recognition on the MiMTSS TA Center's website](#).

Intensive Technical Assistance Opportunity - Promoting Positive School Climate (PPSC)

The MiMTSS TA Center and MDE's Coordinated School Health and Safety Programs (CSHSP) co-direct the PPSC program. During three years of partnership, the MiMTSS TA Center has provided schools intensive training and technical assistance to implement the behavioral components of an MTSS framework. The support helps districts through initial implementation and build local capacity to ensure sustained success. The 2022-2023 school year application is available for interested local school districts. Applications are due April 29, 2022. For more program and application information, please visit the [MiMTSS TA Center's Intensive Technical Assistance Applications page](#).

Events and Webinars

Equitable Practices that Promote Young Children's Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Development Webinar

Join the MiMTSS TA Center for a webinar on March 25, 2022, from 9:00-10:15 a.m. called *Equitable Practices that Promote Young Children's Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Development*. Guest speakers Lise Fox, PhD, and Charis Lauren Wahman, PhD will highlight research-based strategies teachers can employ to address young children's social-emotional development. [View the event flyer](#) for details and registration information.

Save the Date! 17th Annual MiMTSS Conference

Working Together to Build, Strengthen, and Sustain MTSS

The MiMTSS TA Center and MDE will host the 17th Annual MiMTSS Conference on November 29-30, 2022, at the Crowne Plaza Lansing. The conference will provide sessions on how we can work together to build, strengthen, and sustain MTSS. Come learn from national and state-recognized keynote and guest speakers while connecting and sharing with fellow educators. A one-day virtual conference planned for December will highlight sessions from the two-day live event and provide another opportunity for participation. [Sign-up to join the TA Center listserv](#) and receive notifications regarding upcoming events. Watch for more conference information in the months ahead.

Previous Events

Substance Misuse Mitigation and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Webinars

Dr. John Seeley and Sean Austin provided two webinars on using Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) and substance misuse programming. The first webinar, [Using PBIS for Substance Abuse Mitigation Programming](#), provides school-based strategies and recommendations for leveraging a PBIS system. The second webinar, [Enhancing Implementation of Substance Misuse Mitigation Strategies within a PBIS Framework](#), is geared for school staff actively implementing PBIS and some level of substance misuse programming.

Establishing Healthy Environments and Improving Wellness for Students and Staff Webinar

If you could not attend the March 3rd event, *Establishing Healthy Environments and Improving Wellness for Students and Staff*, the [webinar recording](#) is available on the MiMTSS TA Center YouTube Channel. Susan Barrett from the Center on PBIS discussed ways to redesign the school-based behavior health system to effectively meet the needs of all of our students.

Want to share an experience with MTSS implementation, an MTSS accomplishment, or MTSS challenge that has been overcome? Submit your story by filling out the [Google form](#).

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