

MTSS Snapshot: Closing Learning Gaps with the Best Tools for your District or School

The regional coaches for Georgia’s Tiered System of Supports are often asked what screener, intervention, or progress monitoring tool should districts and schools use to close learning gaps. This does not need to be a huge task that involves incredible amounts of time spent searching the Internet to find the instructional tools that are the best fit. Identifying the "right" supports is critical and much depends on the circumstances at each school, i.e., screeners, type of intervention, schedule, time needed, frequency, progress monitoring tools, etc. Knowing where to look for resources that support the unique needs of your district or school is half the battle.

Did you know that the National Center on Intensive Intervention (www.intensiveintervention.org) has developed six tools’ charts to assist with review and identification of screening, intervention, and progress monitoring tools? The intervention and assessment tools on the chart display expert ratings on the technical rigor of assessments and interventions. Additionally, the products submitted by vendors are reviewed by an external Technical Review Committee that is made up of experts. The charts are updated annually so that you can be certain of current considerations.

The Tools Charts can be helpful to you in multiple ways. For example, if you are searching for the best screening tool for your school, you may check the NCII Tools Chart to see the various screening tools available. Another example may be that the intervention tool you are using is not getting the result needed. If that is the case, you may use the Tools Chart for Interventions and identify if your intervention tool is on the chart. If so, what are the criteria of its use to achieve the best outcome, i.e., frequency, dosage, attention to transfer, etc.? Take some time to check out the NCII Tools Charts and other valuable resources on the website to assist in closing learning gaps.

Currently Available Tools Charts on NCII’s Website

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| ACADEMIC SCREENING TOOLS CHART | ACADEMIC PROGRESS MONITORING TOOLS CHART | ACADEMIC INTERVENTION TOOLS CHART |
| BEHAVIOR SCREENING TOOLS CHART | BEHAVIOR PROGRESS MONITORING TOOLS CHART | BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION TOOLS CHART |

Source: *Tools Chart Overview* (National Center on Intensive Intervention)
<https://intensiveintervention.org/tools-charts/overview>

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