

Preparing the Family For Success At Problem-Solving Meetings

Lesson 9 of The RTI/MTSS Coach Training Series

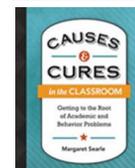
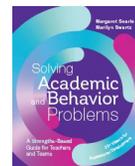
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Outcomes

Lesson 9: Preparing the Family For Success

- How to get buy-in from parents and students
- Why parents don't show up and what to do
- Talking points to put the student and parents at ease



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Why Parents Are Often Reluctant to Show Up



- Lack of transportation
- No one to watch smaller children
- Schedule doesn't work
- Feel the teacher doesn't try to understand
- Too much focus on problems
- Parents had bad experiences
- Afraid to be truthful about concerns

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Ways To Increase Parent Attendance

- Provide transportation or do home visits
- Offer childcare
- Consider phone or facetime conferences as alternatives
- Promise that the meeting will take no longer than 20-25 minutes and keep your promise



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Ways To Increase Parent Attendance



- Value of what they have done.
- Be specific about what you intend to accomplish.
- Focus on building new skills, not fixing the student.
- Be careful about the way you talk (jargon, acronyms, language barriers, talking down to them)
- They are not the only family that has struggled with this issue.

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Checklist For SST Parent Call

- Clarify the purpose (DATA goal).
- Revisit parent's ideas of strengths and concerns.
- Explain the protocols (agenda, rules, who will attend).
- Explain the assignment - 3 ideas
- Explain the courtesy call
- Schedule (date, time and place)



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Who Generally Attends?

Basics:

- Keep the group as small as possible
- Rule of thumb is 5 – 7 members
- The coach, the teacher, parents and student are the key people



Possible other members:

- Any expert
- Siblings
- Other teachers
- Administrator
- Counselor or psychologist if needed to give intervention recommendations



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If we teach Taylor the patterns of syllables and how to read in phrases, her fluency will improve within 6 weeks. She will increase words read correct per minute from 23 to 31.

Brainstorm interventions

School

Home

Student



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Purpose Of the Follow-up Call

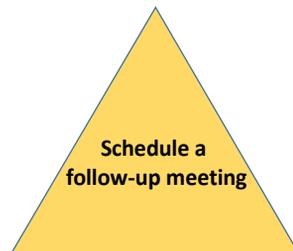
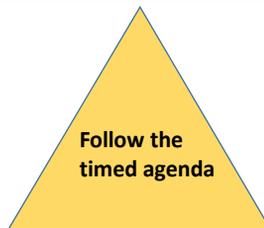
- Answer questions
- Provide intervention ideas, if they need them.
- Confirm the meeting time and date
- See if there are any barriers to attending like transportation, childcare,...



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Rules of the Road

Purpose: Create a positive action plan in a safe environment.



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Checklist For Student Preparation Meeting



- Clarify the goal, who will attend, how long they will meet, the meeting Rules of the Road.
- We all have voice and choice and honor each other's ideas.
- Explain the assignment (school, home, self).
- Help students come up with 3 ideas. Write or draw each idea on a post-it.
- Select a tool for collecting, displaying and using their own data.

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Reasons Why Students Shut Down In Conferences

- Not sure you care about their ideas
- Wonders what you are up to
- Want to give the right answers
- Feels rushed
- Your body language doesn't match your message.



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