# 6. Data-based Decision-making

#### Data-based Decision-making:

Evaluating the Impact of School-wide Positive Behavior Support

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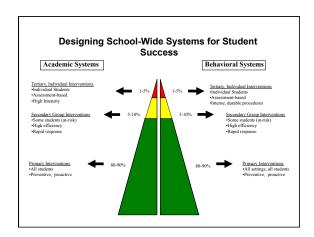
#### Purpose

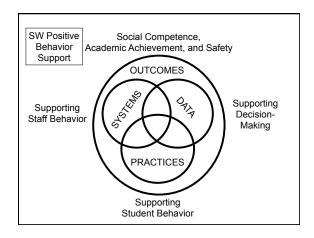
- Examine the extent to which the logic of School-wide Positive Behavior Support (PBS) fits your real experience in schools
- · Define the outcomes for School-wide PBS
  - Is School-wide PBS related to reduction in problem behavior?
  - Is School-wide PBS related to improved school safety?
- Is School-wide PBS related to improved academic performance?
- Define tools for measuring School-wide PBS outcomes
- Examine a problem-solving approach for using office discipline referral (ODR) data for decision-making
- Provide strategies for using data for decision-making and action planning

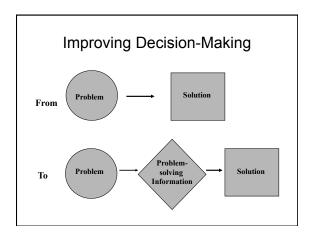
### To Improve Schools for Children

- · Use evidence-based practices
  - Always look for data of effectiveness
- · Never stop doing what is working
- Implement the smallest change that will result in the largest improvement

Measure —— Compare —— Improvement







## **Problem-solving Steps** Define the problem(s) Analyze the data 2. Define the outcomes and data sources for measuring the outcomes 3. Consider 2-3 options that might work 4. Evaluate each option: Is it safe? Is it doable? Will it work? 5. Choose an option to try 6. Determine the timeframe to evaluate effectiveness 7. Evaluate effectiveness by using the data Is it worth continuing? Try a different option? Re-define the problem? Key Features of Effective Data Systems · Data are accurate · Data are very easy to collect · Data are used for decision-making · Data are available when decisions need to be made · Data collectors must see the information used for decision-making **Guiding Considerations** · Use accessible data · Handle data as few times as possible · Build data collection into daily routines

• Establish and use data collection as a conditioned positive reinforcer

· Share data summaries with those who collect

### Types of Questions

- Initial Assessment Questions
  - What type or which program do we need?
  - Where should we focus our efforts?
- Ongoing Evaluation Questions
  - Is the program working?
  - If no,
    - ✓ Can it be changed?
    - ✓ Should we end the program?
  - If yes,
    - ✓ Do we need this program anymore?
    - ✓ What do we need to do to sustain success?

### **Basic Evaluation Questions** by School or Program

- 1. What does "it" look like now?
- 2. How would we know if are successful?
- 3. Are we satisfied with how "it" looks?
  - YES:
    - ✓ Celebrate
  - NO:

    - ✓ What do we want "it" to look like?✓ What do we need to do to make "it" look like that?
- 4. What can we do to keep "it" like that?

### Is School-wide PBS Having a Positive Influence on School Culture?

Using Office Discipline Referral Data

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# Office Discipline Referrals and The BIG 5!

- Examine office discipline referral rates and patterns
  - Major Problem events
  - Minor Problem events
- Ask the BIG 5 questions:
  - How often are problem behavior events occurring?
  - Where are they happening?
  - What types of problem behaviors?
  - When are the problems occurring?
  - Who is contributing?

### Office Discipline Referral Caution

- Data reflects 3 factors:
  - Students
  - Staff members
  - Office personnel
- · Data reflects overt rule violators
- Data is useful when implementation is consistent
  - Do staff and administration agree on officemanaged problem behavior verses classroommanaged behavior?

Staff Managed (minors)	Office Managed (majors)
•Tardy	•Repeated minor behaviors
•Unprepared; no homework/	•Insubordination
materials	•Blatant disrespect
<ul> <li>Violation of classroom</li> </ul>	•Abusive/Inappropriate language
expectations	<ul><li>Harassment/Intimidation</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Inappropriate language</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Fighting/Physical aggression</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Classroom disruption</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Safety violations that are</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Minor safety violation</li> </ul>	potentially harmful to self, others
<ul><li>Lying/Cheating</li></ul>	and/or property
	Vandalism/Property destruction
Consequences are determined	•Plagiarism
by staff	•Theft
	•Skipping classes
	•Illegal behaviors:
	Arson
	Weapons
	Tobacco
	Alcohol/Drugs

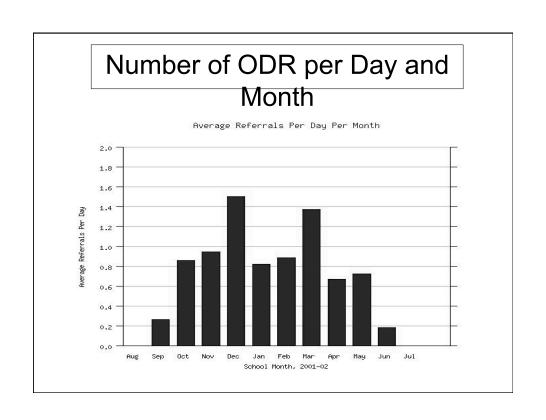
Name: Grade: Date: Referring Person: Time:						
	nvolved: None		Teacher Su		own Other	
Problem	Behavior	Loc	ation_	Possible	Motivation	
Major	Minor					
Abusive language Fighting/ physical aggression Harassment Overt defiance Other	Inappropriate Ianguage Disruption Property misuse Non- compliance Other	Hallway Cafeteria Library Restroom Office Parking lot	Classroom On bus Special event Common area Other	Attention from peers Attention from adults Avoid peers Avoid adults	Avoid work Obtain items Don't know Other	
Consequenc Lose privilege individual inst Conference In-school sus	ruction		Parent contact Out-of-school Time in office Other	l suspension		

SWIS™ Compatibility Checklist		
Procedure for Documenting Office Disc	cipline Referrals	
School	Date	

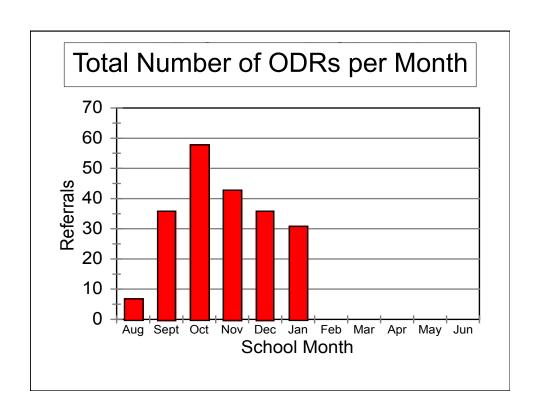
	Date	Date
Compatibility Question		
Does a clear distinction exist between problem behaviors that are staff managed versus office managed exist and is it available for staff reference?	Yes No	Yes No
2. Does a form exist that is SWIS™ compatible for SWIS™ data entry that includes the following categories?	Yes No	Yes No
a. Student name?	Yes No	Yes No
b. Date?	Yes No	Yes No
c. Time of incident?	Yes No	Yes No
d. Student's grade level?	Yes No	Yes No
e. Referring staff member?	Yes No	Yes No
f. Location of incident?	Yes No	Yes No
g. Problem behavior?	Yes No	Yes No
h. Possible motivation?	Yes No	Yes No
i. Others involved?	Yes No	Yes No
j. Administrative decision?	Yes No	Yes No
k. Other comments?	Yes No	Yes No
I. No more than 3 extra info.	Yes No	Yes No
3. Does a set of definitions exist that clearly defines all categories on the office discipline referral form?	Yes No	Yes No

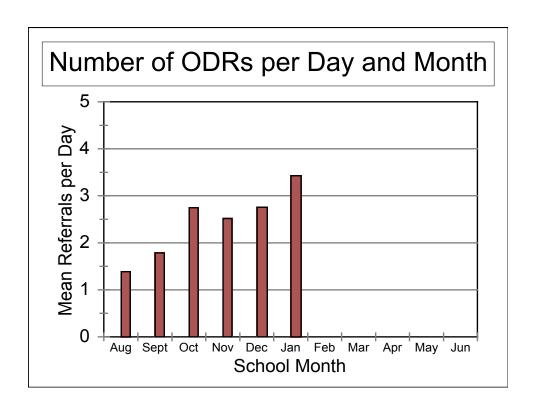
# Tables versus Graphs

Year	Month	Number of Days	Number of Referrals	Average Referrals  Per Day
2001	Aug	0	0	0.00
2001	Sep	19	5	0.26
2001	Oct	21	18	0.86
2001	Nov	18	17	0.94
2001	Dec	14	21	1.50
2002	Jan	22	18	0.82
2002	Feb	17	15	0.88
2002	Mar	19	26	1.37
2002	Apr	21	14	0.67
2002	May	18	13	0.72
2002	Jun	11	2	0.18
2002	Jul	0	0	0.00
Totals:		180	149	0.83



# Total verses Rate





## Priorities and Rationale

- Graphs
- Rate

# SWIS summary 2008-2009 (Majors Only) 3,410 schools; 1,737,432 students; 1,500,770 ODRs

Grade Range	Number of Schools	Avg. Enrollment per school	National Avg. for Major ODRs <u>per</u> <u>100 students</u> , per school day
K-6	2,162	450	<u>.34</u> = about 1 Major ODR every 3 school days, or about 34 every 100 days
6-9	602	657	<u>.85</u> = a little less than 1 Major ODR per school day, or about 85 every 100 days
9-12	215	887	1.27 = more than 1 Major ODR per school day, or about 127 every 100 days
K- (8-12)	431	408	1.06 = about 1 Major ODR per school day, or about 106 every 100 days

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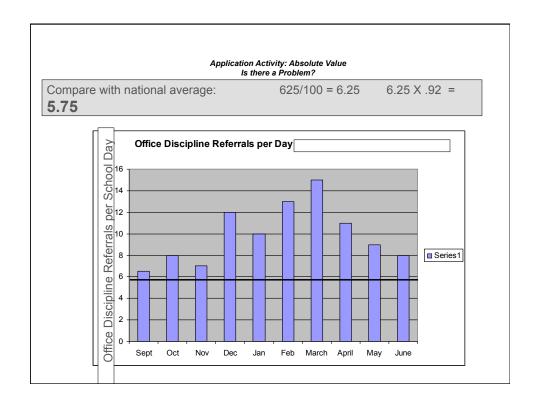
# **SWIS**

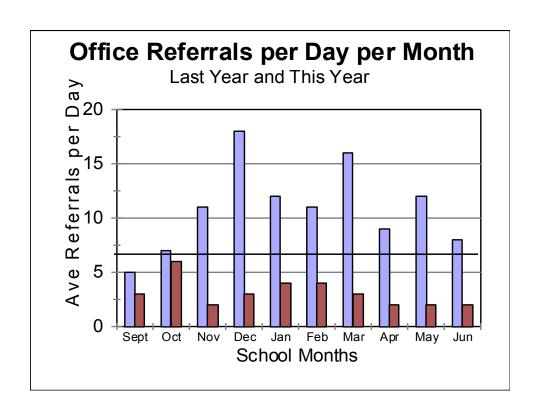
# SWIS summary 2009-10 (Majors Only) 4,019 schools; 2,063,408 students; 1,622,229 ODRs

Grade Range	Number of Schools	Mean Enrollment per school	Median ODRs per 100 per school day
K-6	2565	452	.22
6-9	713	648	.50
9-12	266	897	.68
K-(8-12)	474	423	.42

# Interpreting Office Referral Data: Is there a problem?

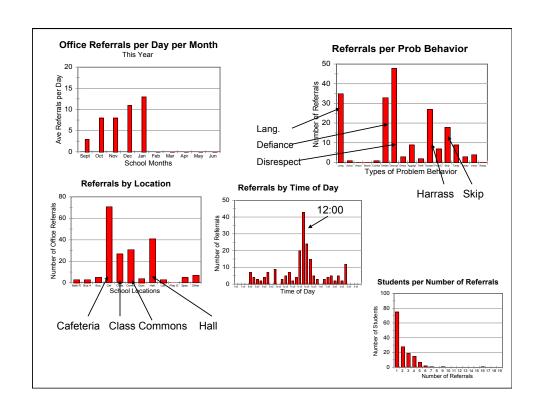
- Absolute level (depending on size of school)
  - Middle, High Schools (> 1 per day per 100)
  - Elementary Schools (>1 per day per 300)
- Trends
  - Peaks before breaks?
  - Gradual increasing trend across year?
- Compare levels to last year
  - Improvement?





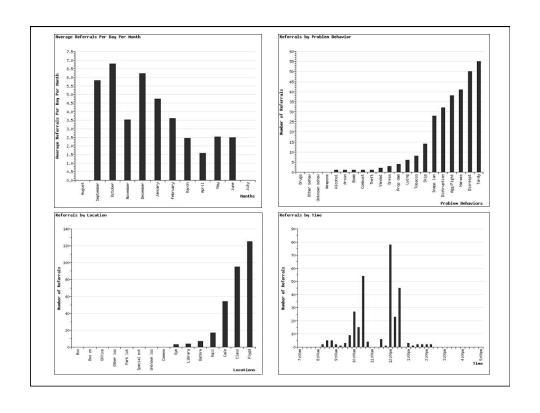
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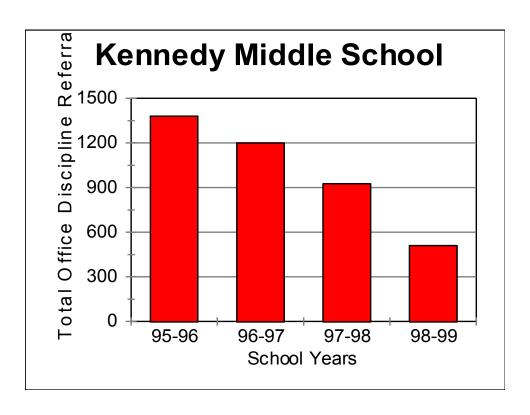
565 students Grades 6,7, and 8



# Langley Elementary School

478 Students Kindergarten - Grade 5





# What Does a Reduction of 850 Office Discipline Referrals and 25 Suspensions Mean?

Kennedy Middle School

- Savings in Administrative Time
- ODR = 15 minutes/ event
- Suspension = 45 minutes/ Suspension = 216 event
- 13,875 minutes
- 231 hours
- 29, 8-hour days

- Savings in Student **Instructional Time**
- ODR = 45 minutes/ event
- minutes/ event
- 43,650 minutes
- 728 hours
- 121, 6-hour school days

# Are Schools Adopting School-wide PBS to Criterion?

- · Use the:
  - Team Implementation Checklist (TIC)
  - School-wide Evaluation Tool (SET)
  - Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI)
  - EBS Self-Assessment Survey (School-wide section)
  - Others
- · Measure and analyze annually
- ★We'll focus on TIC today!

### Team Implementation Checklist (TIC)

- Characterizes the evolution of School-wide PBS implementation:
  - "Achieved," "In progress," or "Not started"
- · Assists in:
  - Initial assessment
  - Getting started on action plan
  - Measuring progress of School-wide PBS Implementation
- · Assesses team-based response
  - Quarterly or monthly

#### **TIC Feature Areas**

- 1. Establish Commitment
- 2. Establish and Maintain Team
- 3. Conduct Self-Assessment
- 4. Define Expectations
- 5. Teach Expectations
- 6. Establish Reward System
- 7. Establish Violations System
- 8. Establish Information System
- 9. Build Capacity for Function-based Support
- 10. Ongoing Activities

#### PBIS Team Implementation Checklist (TIC 3.1)

Complete & submit to coach quarterly.							
Status: A = Achieved, I = In Progress, N = Not Yet Started							
Date:							
ESTABLISH COMMITMENT							
Administrator's Support & Active Involvement     Admin attends PBIS meetings 80 % of time     Admin defines social behavior as one of the top three goals for the school     Admin actively participates in PBIS training	Status:						
Faculty/Staff Support     80% of faculty document support that school climate/discipline is one of top three school improvement goals     Admin/faculty commit to PBIS for at least 3 years	Status:						
ESTABLISH & MAINTAIN TEAM				•			
3. Team Established (Representative)  Includes grade level teachers, specialists, paraprofessionals, parents, special educators, counselors.  Team has established clear mission/purpose	Status:						
Team has regular meeting schedule, effective operating procedures     Agenda and meeting minutes are used     Team decisions are identified, and action plan developed	Status:						
Audit is completed for efficient integration of team with other teams/initiatives addressing behavior support     Team has completed the "Working Smarter" matrix	Status:						

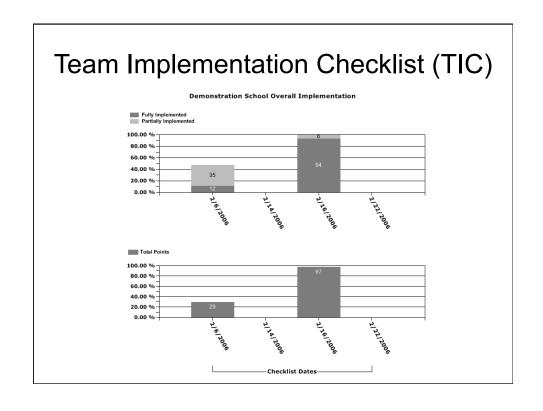
# Scoring the TIC

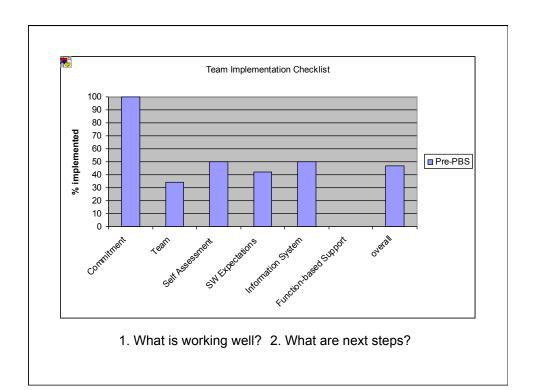
- Implementation Points
  - Achieved = 2
  - In progress = 1
  - Not Started = 0
- · Percentage of Items Implemented
  - Total
    - ✓ Number of items scored as "Achieved" divided by 22 (items)
  - Subscale scores
    - ✓ Number of items in each subscale area scored as "Achieved" divided by the number of items in that subscale area
- Percentage of Points Implemented
  - Total
    - ✓ Total number of points divided by 44
  - Subscale scores
    - √ Total number of points in each subscale divided by total number of items multiplied by 2

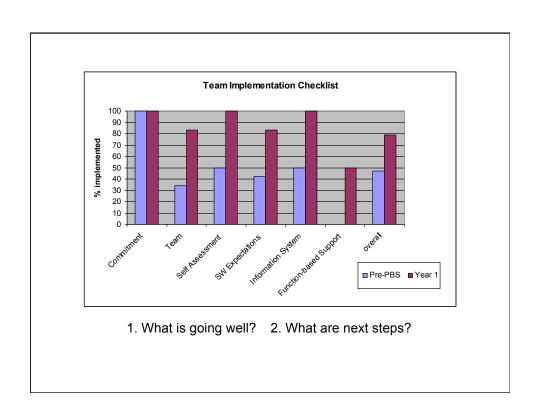
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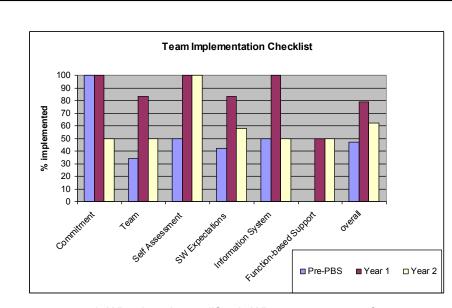
- Enter fidelity data (TIC, SAS, SET) into
  - "PBISAssessment" through PBISApps











#### 1. What is going well? 2. What are next steps?

### Main Messages

- Invest in prevention
- Create an effective environment
  - Leadership, teams; hosts for effective practices
- Use different systems for different problems
  - Individual student level alone will be insufficient
  - Collaboration with Mental Health Professionals
- Build a culture of competence
  - Define, teach, monitor, and reward appropriate behavior
- Build sustainable systems
  - Resist person-dependent interventions
- Invest in gathering and using information for decision-making and problem-solving

## **Action Planning**

- · Use your self-assessment information
  - Rally School-wide commitment
  - Establish a PBS Team
  - Focus on prevention (define, teach, monitor, and reward appropriate behavior)
    - ✓ Ask kids tomorrow if they know the expectations
    - ✓ Ask kids if they are being acknowledged for appropriate behavior
  - Use information system to guide implementation efforts
- Build Action Plan
  - When will the team meet?
  - What will be reported to faculty?
  - What will be reported to families?

## **Action Planning**

- Which system are you going to work on?
- What are the specific outcomes?
  - When will they be completed?
  - What short-term activities are needed?
  - Who will be responsible?
- Reporting Schedule
  - What information will be gathered and by whom?
  - When will information be reported?