

### **Learning Objectives**

- 1. Define screening, assessment, and triage
- $2. \quad \textit{Explain how to use systematic screening and triage efforts in the K-12 context} \\$
- 3. Support recovery phase efforts



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#### **Agenda**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Systematic Screening in Tiered Systems
- Triage & Recovery Phase Efforts
- · Closing Out and Moving Forward



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Welcome and Introductions

#### Meet our team!

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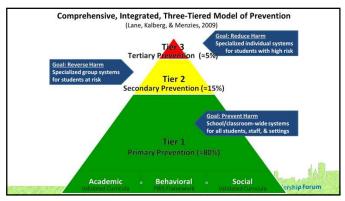
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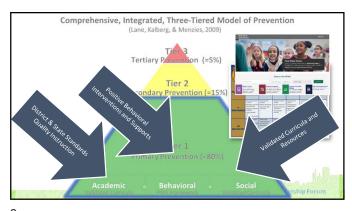
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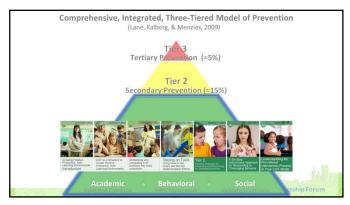
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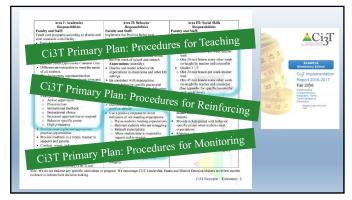


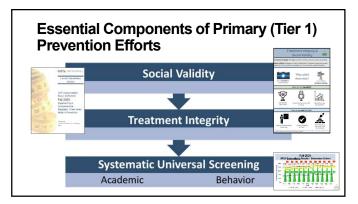


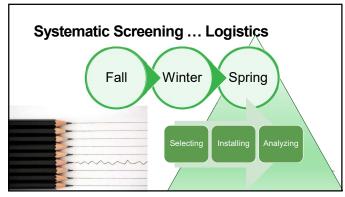


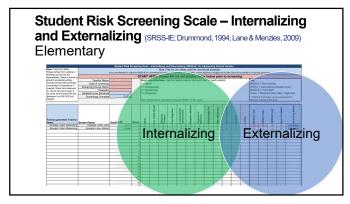


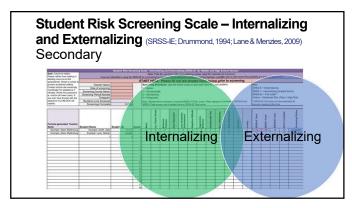


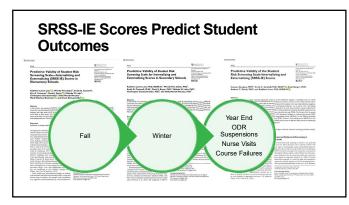


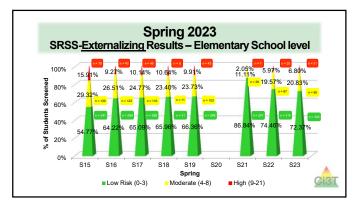


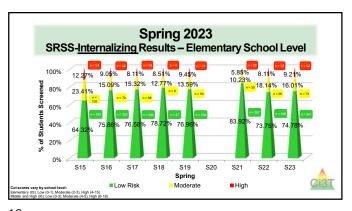




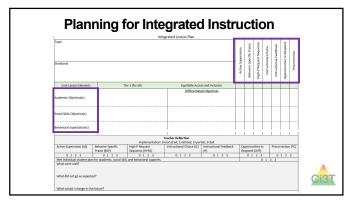


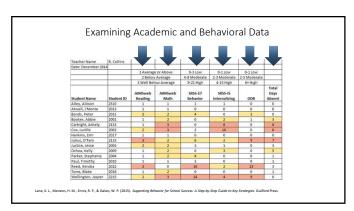


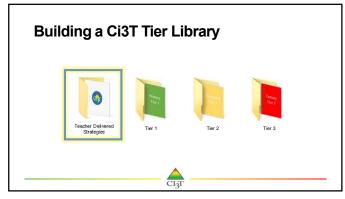




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Grade Level	N Screened	Low n (%)	Moderate n (%)	High <i>n (%)</i>
3	62	51 (82.26%)	11 (17.74%)	0 (0.00%)
4	81	62 (76.54%)	13 (16.05%)	6 (7.41%)
5	90	64 (71.11%)	13 (14.44%)	13 (14.44%)

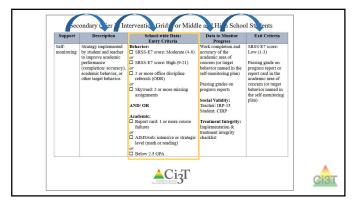


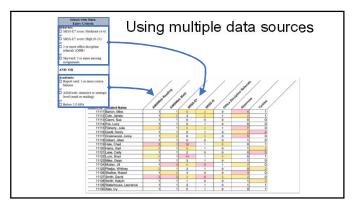


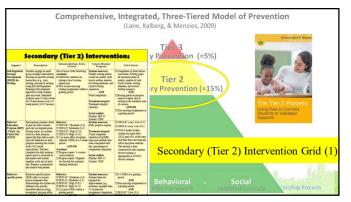


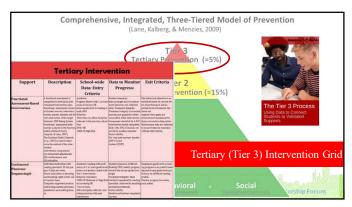


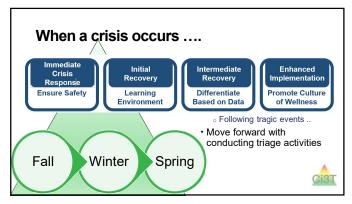
Low-Intensity Strategy	Franklin High School On-Site Expert
Behavior-Specific Praise: Identifying the specific expectation the student met.  Niama, I noticed you outlined your paper and used the graphic organizer to draft your essay. Well done!  Justice, thank you for pushing in your chair to keep the walkney safe."	Eric Common, Behavior Specialist     Mark Buckman, Special Education     Grant Alten, Parent Volunteer     Paloma Pérez-Clark, School Psychologist
Opportunities to Respond: Providing 4-6 apportunities per minute for students to respond individually, charal, verbal, written, gesture, or symbol.  "Show me thumbs or thumbs down if"  "Show me on your white board what"  "Turn to your elbow partner and say"  "All together now, what is"	David Royer, Administration     Emily Cartwell, 12 <sup>to</sup> Grade     Scarlett Lan, 11 <sup>to</sup> Grade     Mallory Messenger, Counselor
instructional Choice: Providing within-task or between task choices to increase academic engaged time and motivation. Ronaldo, our of our 3 learning objectives today, which would you like to work on first?? Suzy, do you want to work on the laptop, or handwrite your answers for this assignment?"	Abbie Jenkins, 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Scarlett Lane, 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade José Sousa, PE Liane Johl, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade













Integrating
Psychological Triage
into School Screening

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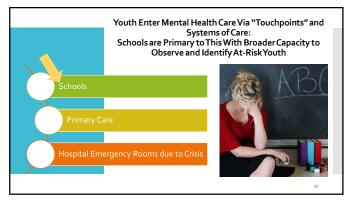
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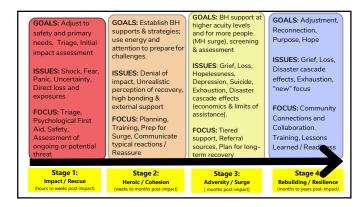


#### Even at "Baseline" There Are Not Enough Mental Health Providers to Address Youth Needs

- Disproportionate impact on children and youth of color and lower SES
- Lack of access due to location or time required to engage in in-person services
- Cost of care and limitation of care in both state and private insurance creates barriers

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## Normative and Second Programme Non-Clinical Reactions Re

- Worries and fears (increase or new)
- · Sadness
- · Anger or irritability
- Separation anxiety (particularly in the young)
- Sleep disturbances & nightmares
- Loss of interest in normal activities
- Reduced concentration
- Decline in school performance
- Somatic complaints
- Developmental changes or regressions



All of these can also be present or at increased risk for Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs' and Children with Neurodevelopmental and Cognitive conditions who experience disruption to routine (e.g., care, social, sensory).

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder ~20-40% with new incidence disorder(s) (e.g., PTSD) after disaster or other traumatic event

Once established, PTSD is frequently:

- More complex
- Interferes with school success and development
- Takes longer to treat
- An integrated triage, screening, and intervention care model are important to reduce disaster/crisis event-related mental health risk
- "One size does not fit all"

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Rapid Triage of Experience vs. Distress Symptoms Acute Stress Symptoms(<40 day are NOT predictive of clinical PTSD or depression)

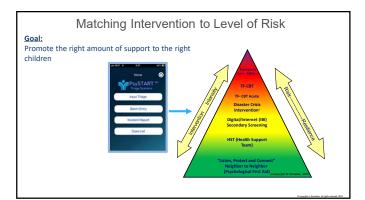


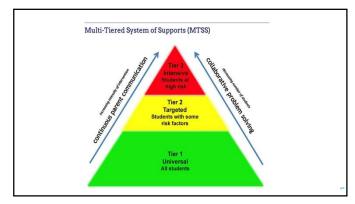
How do you practically predict PTSD at the time of disasters and everyday traumatic events in touchpoints?

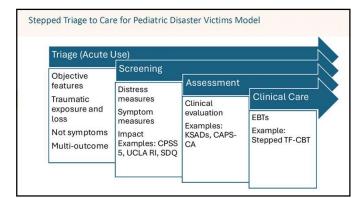


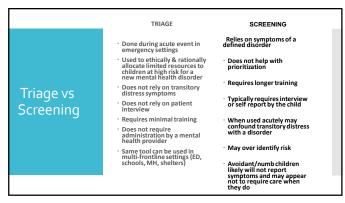
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Psychological
Simple Triage
and Rapid
Treatment
(PsySTART)©

- Takes 2 minutes or less to complete

- Is not based on symptoms of distress, but on direct trauma exposures and losses

- Evidence-based reliably predicts risk of PTSD and co-occurring conditions such as depression

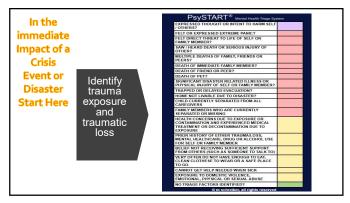
- Can identify those children at highest risk, allowing for equitable prioritization of scarce mental health resources

- Provides decision support to providers

- Has demonstrated feasibility in disasters, community violence events, pediatric trauma activations

- Can be used in paper form or electronic





## What Happens After Positive Triage?

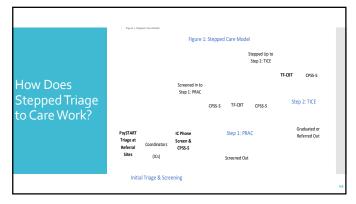
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# For An Individual Child \* Using a "floating" algorithm, children who have 2 or 3 PsySTART Triage risk factors are referred for additional screening by a MH provider either within the triaging organization or by a community provider \*If outside resources are available, children demonstrating high risk for potential PTSD would be referred to local community resources for outpatient care, preferably an evidence-based intervention such as TF-CBT

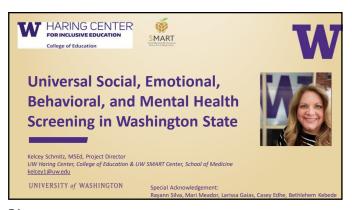
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## Increasing Access when Mental Health Resources are Insufficient

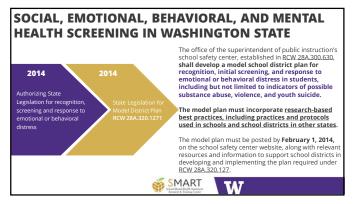
- Stepped Triage to Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral
- Positive PsySTART cases assigned to Stepped TF-CBT
- · Tele-Behavioral Health, in person, or hybrid
- · "stepped model" increases individual provider efficiency by 60+%, allowing more children to be served

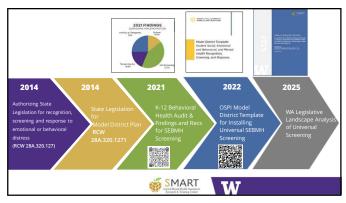


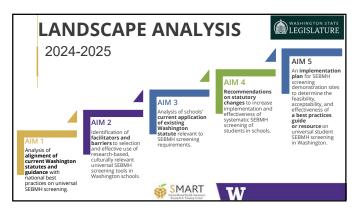


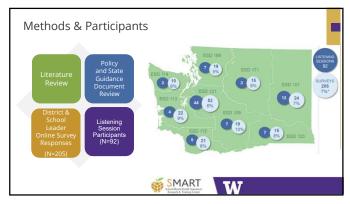


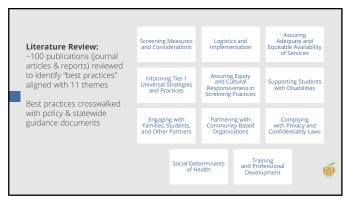


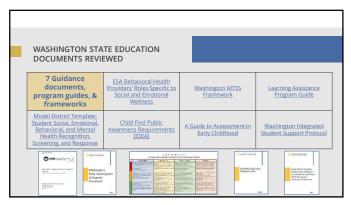








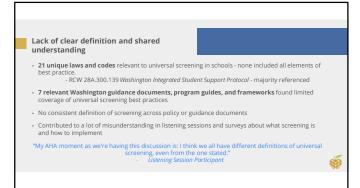


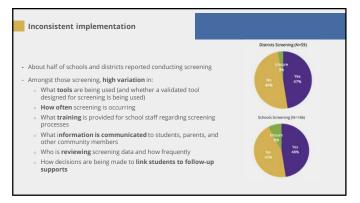


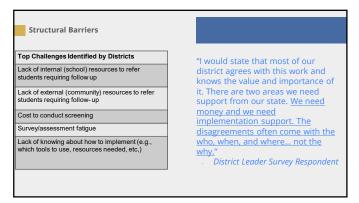












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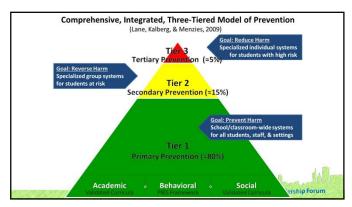


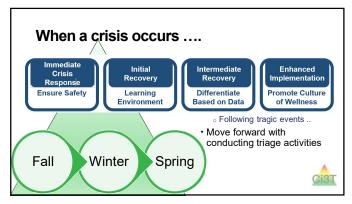


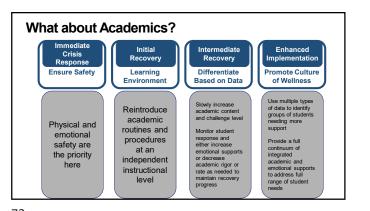
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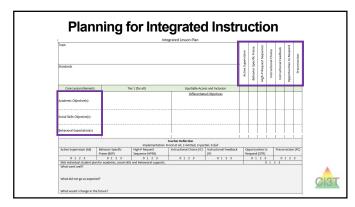
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## **Closing Out and Moving Forward**



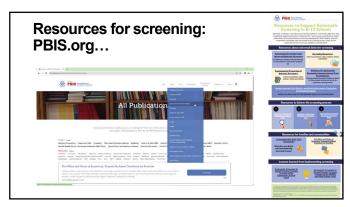




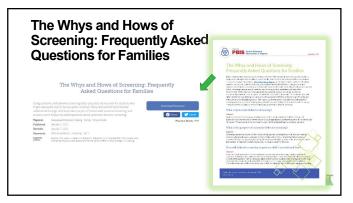












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