# Brief Introduction to Team-Initiated Problem Solving (TIPS)

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# **Target Audience**

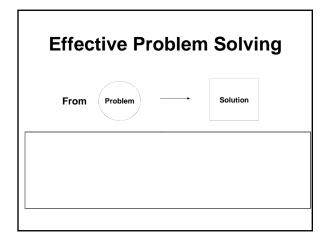
 Anyone who participates in teams designed to build behavior support plans for students with problem behavior.

# Objectives

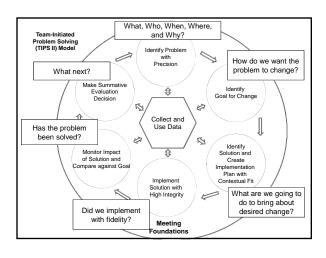
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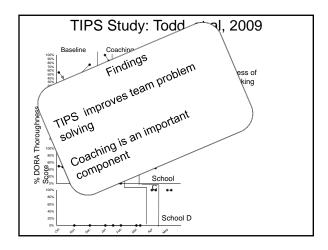
- Understand the TIPS problem solving model
- Define logic for Meeting Foundations
  - Roles
  - Meeting minutes form
- Define Problem Solving Approach
  - Define problem with precision
  - Build comprehensive solutions
  - Build action plan
- Define Implementation and Adaptation

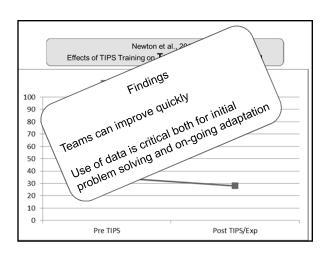
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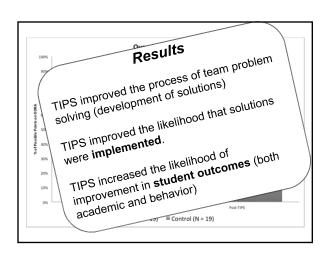


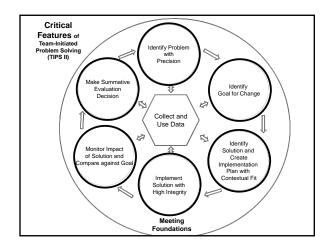
# A Quick Overview of TIPS

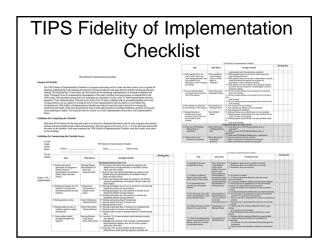










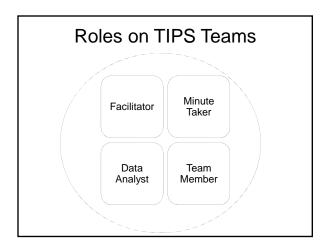


# Meeting Foundations • Clear Purpose/ Authority • What is the purpose of our team? • What is the impact we are to have on students/ familites/ School? • What authority do we have to implement solutions? • Agreement about process • Start time/stop time • Schedule • Respect and commitment • Roles and responsibilities • Facilitator • Minute Taker • Data Analyst • Member • Electronic Meeting Minutes/Agenda

# Meeting Terms of Agreement

- Start/ Stop time
- Schedule of meetings
- Consideration for each other
  - E.g. "be respectful, be responsible"
  - Side conversations
  - Come prepared
  - No side tasks (technology)

# Roles and Responsibilities Facilitator, Minute Taker, Data Analyst, Team Member



## Facilitator's Responsibilities and Skills Needed Before Meeting: During Meeting: Ask for agenda items · Starts meeting on time Manages "flow" of meeting Provide items to Prompts team members (as necessary) with the TIPS Minute Taker Facilitator problem-solving "mantra" · Is an active participant in meeting Facilitator should be able to: Determines date, time, and · Ask questions location of next meeting Implement group norms or agreements Keep meeting on track (or navigate back on track when needed) Move through agenda in a timely fashion Minute Taker's Responsibilities Before Meeting: During Meeting:

## Collects agenda items from Facilitator Records decisions/not es on TIPS Prepares TIPS Meeting Minutes agenda form, including content from Data Analyst, as appropriate Minute Meeting Minutes form Taker Is prepared to project TIPS Meeting Minute form via LCD during Asks for clarification of meeting tasks/decisio necessary After Meeting: Is active Cleans up TIPS Meeting Minutes from meeting participant in Disseminates Meeting Minutes to team within 36 meeting

Before Meeting:							
<ul> <li>Review data and define potential new problems with precision (What, Who, Where, When, Why)</li> </ul>							
Gather/organize data on previously-de	fined and/or potential new problems						
<ul> <li>Review data on previously-defined problems (i.e., frequency/rate for most recently-completed calendar month, direction of change in rate since last report, and relationship of change to goal)</li> </ul>							
Prepares graphs for sharing at meeting	9						
Asks Facilitator to add potential new p	roblems to agenda for meeting						
	During Meeting:						
Data Analyst	Leads discussion of potential new problems						
	Responds to questions about data; produces additional data on request (e.g., additional Drill Down Reports)						
	Is active participant in meeting						

Data Analyst Responsibilities

# Team Member Responsibilities

<u>Recommends</u> agenda items to Facilitator

## **During Meeting:**

- Analyzes/interprets data; determines whether a new problem exists
- Ensures new problems are defined with precision (What, Who, Where, When, Why) and accompanied by a Goal and Timeline
- Discusses/selects solutions and evaluation data (fidelity and outcome) for new problems
- For problems with existing solution actions
- Reports on implementation status (Not Started? Partially implemented? Implemented with fidelity? Stopped?)
- Suggests how implementation of solution actions could be improved
- Analyzes/interprets data to determine whether implemented solution actions are
- Is an active team member

# Who is Responsible?

**Facilitator** 

**Minute Taker** 

**Data Analyst** 

All Team

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# Define roles for effective meetings

- Core roles
  - Facilitator
  - Minute taker
  - Data analyst
  - Active team member
  - Administrator

Can one person serve multiple

Typically NOT the administrator

• Backup for each role

Are there other roles needed?

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# **Meeting Minutes** A framework for organizing and documenting efficient meetings

Organizing for an effective problem solving conversation A key to collective problem solving is to provide a visual context that allows everyone to follow and contribute Solution TIPS II Training Manual (2013) www.uoecs.org

# **Functions of Meeting Minutes** ofore Meeting Define agenda Clarify start/stop time Guide data analyst (updates on old problems)

- During Meeting

  Organize time allocation/ Prioritization

  Ensure that new problems are reviewed

  Ensure that new problems are defined with precision

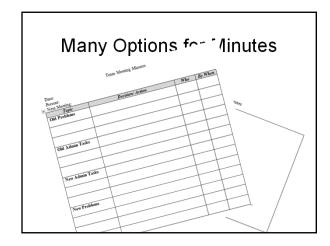
  Ensure that solutions are comprehensive and linked to action plan

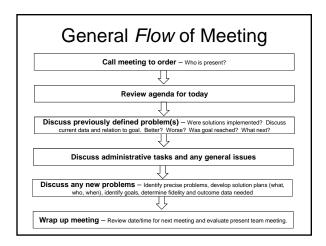
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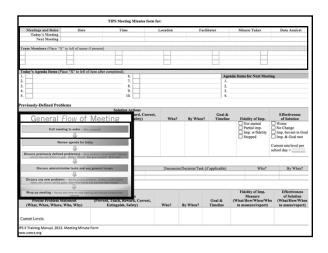
  Assess meeting process and effectiveness

- After Meeting

  Record for review
  Guide for tasks between meetings.



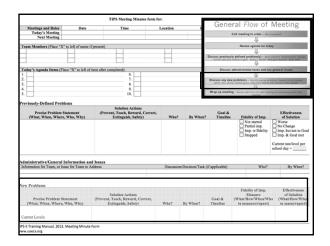


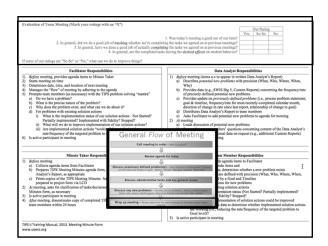


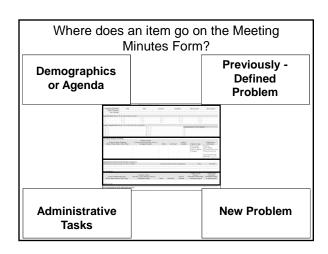
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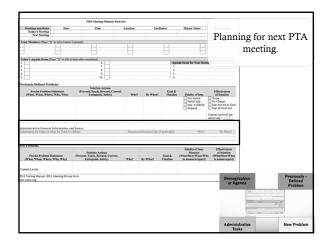
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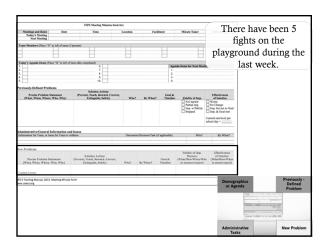
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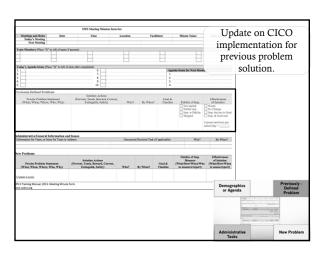


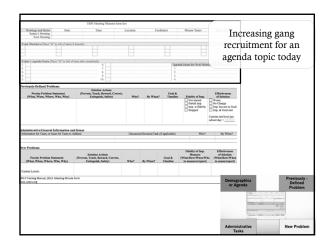


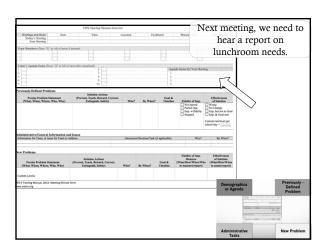


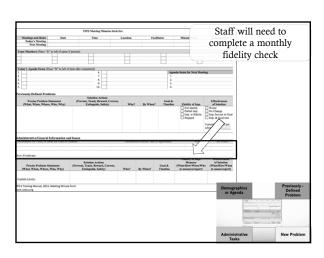


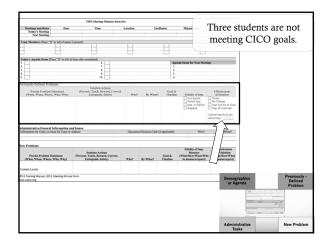


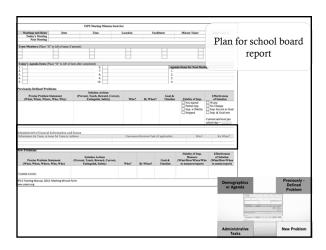


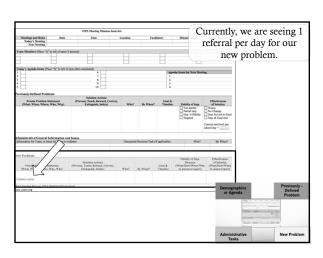












# Fidelity Check

10. Team uses TIPS Direct Observation of Meeting Minutes form or equivalent\*.

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# Team meeting

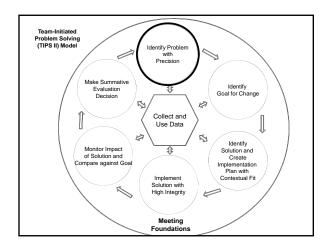
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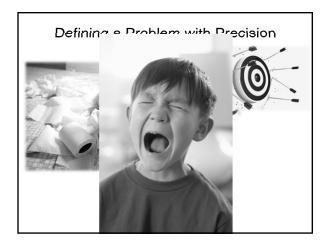
- Determine
  - Facilitator, Data Analyst, Minute Taker, Administrator
- Define one problem (old or new) that was considered
- Were meeting minutes used correctly?



# Identify Problem with Precision

What, Who, When, Where, and Why

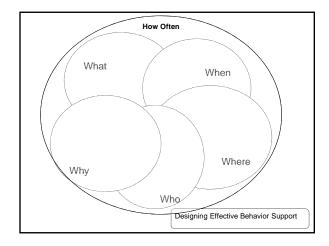




# Defining a Problem with Precision

- A major error is to launch into problem solving BEFORE the problem has been defined with precision.
- Pre-emptive solutions
  - What we did last year
  - What my cousin did with her son
  - What I can buy as a package on the internet What I can buy as a training from an expert
- Pre-emptive solutions
  - Often do not work

  - Usually are more expensive Typically do not "fit" the context.



# Start with Primary Problem Statements Office discipline referrals for 3rd graders are above national median for schools our size. Look at the Big Picture. Then use data to refine the problem to a Precise Problem Statement. Move to Precise Problem Statements Referrals for physical aggression among third grade students from 11:30-12:30 in the cafeteria are increasing over time. It is believed that this is happening due to lack of consistent teaching of cafeteria procedures.

Precise or Pr	rimary	Statement?
Primary		Precise

# Primary versus Precision **Statements**

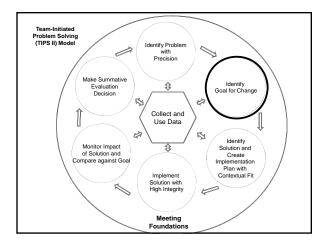
- Primary Statements
  - Too many referrals
  - September has more suspensions than last year
  - Gang behavior is increasing
  - The cafeteria is out of control
  - Student disrespect is out of control
- Precision Statement
  - There are twice as many ODRs for aggression on the playground than last year. These are most likely to occur during first recess, with a large number of students, and the aggression is related to getting access to the new playground equipment.

Examples: Primary to Precise						
Gang-like behavior is increasing.	Bullying (verbal and physical aggression) on the playground is occurring on average twice during each "first recess," is being done mostly by four 4th grade boys, and seems to be maintained by social praise from the bystander peer group.					
Behavior on the buses is awful!						
<del>-</del>	There were 45 referrals for 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , and 5 <sup>th</sup> graders using inappropriate language on the afternoon buses because these students wanted attention from their peers.					

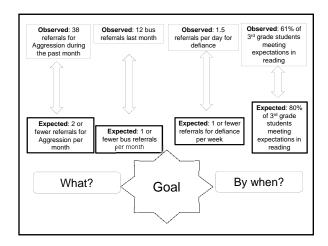
# Your Turn

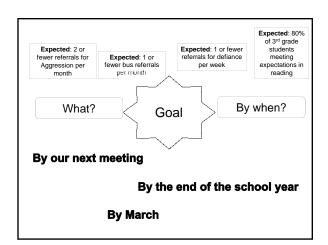
- Describe a "Primary" problem
- Now re-write it as a "Precise Problem Statement.
  - What Who • Where Why When How Often

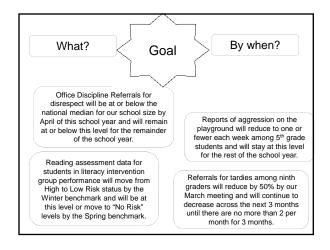
# Identify Goal for Change What and When



# What defines Expected? Contextual Needs SWIS National Medians Benchmark Expectations Social Expectations Comparison to Similar Settings

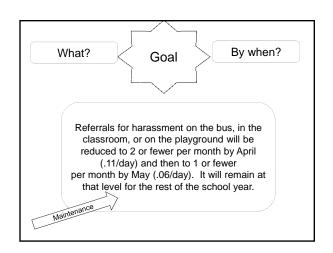






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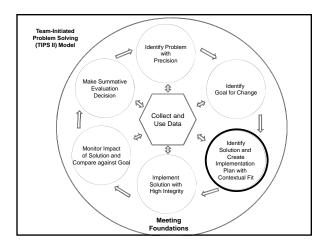
# Write a Goal for a New Problem (from Task Many students in 1st through 6th grades (Who) are displaying harassment behaviors (What) in the classroom, playground, cafeteria, and on the bus (Where) during the morning (8:00-10:30), at lunch (1:45-1:00) and on the afternoon bus (2:45-3:45) (When) in order to gain adult or peer attention or obtain an item (Why). Current Levels: December 2011 – 15/12 = 1.25/day; January 2012 – 18/19 = .95/day; February 2012 – 11/18 = .81/day; February 2012 – 11/18 = .81/day; Statement in your Meeting Minutes form for 3/1/12 \*\*Problem\*\* Scholates Actions\*\* (Prevent, New Why) Where Problem\*\* Scholates Actions\*\* (Prevent, New Why) Where Problem\*\* Scholates Actions\*\* (Prevent, New Why) And Problem\*\* Scholates Actions\*\* Scholates Actions\*\* Scholates Actions\*\* Scholates Actions\*\* Find Act



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# Identify Solution and Create Implementation Plan with Contextual Fit

What and When



What are we going to do to bring about the desired change?

# **Build Effective Support Plans**

- Match the solution to the function of the problem behavior
- Match the solution to the context
  - Are able to be done
  - Are consistent with the values of people in the setting
  - Are practical given time and resources
- Build "comprehensive plans that consider all "solution elements"

Solution Elements						
Prevent	Change the context to avoid the problem situation?					
Teach	Teach what you want. Teach a socially acceptable replacement.					
Prompt	Encourage opportunities for the desired behavior.					
Reinforce	Reward for the desired behavior.					
Extinguish or Withhold Reward	Prevent the problem behavior from being rewarded.					
Correction	Use negative feedback if needed.					
Safety	Add safety procedures if needed.					
Data	Define data to monitor implementation fidelity and impact					

## Resources for Solution Development

- Strickland-Cohen, Loman, Borgmeier & Horner, "Basic FBA to BSP"
  - Available at www.pbis.org

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# Fidelity of Implementation

Measures the degree in which the intervention was implemented as defined/expected

- Use percent/absolute value/ rate/scale as metric
- Strive for 80% fidelity of implementation as measured weekly or
- Make it easy to gather

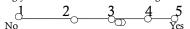
Are we implementing the plan?

## **Teacher Completed Fidelity Scales**

Establish a fidelity check routine that relates to Implementation

- A 1-5 scale is used for questions
  Up to 3 questions per week
  Share scale as a poster in the faculty room, an electronic survey, or paper and pencil

Did you provide "high-five greetings" to all students entering your class on time in the morning this week?

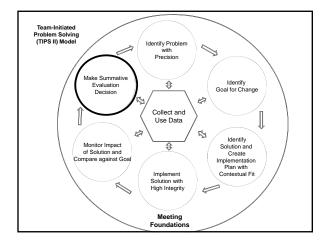


How many days during the week did you review with students the procedures for passing in the hall?

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# Make Summative Evaluation **Decisions**

What next?



Do we need to modify the solution to have a stronger impact?

Do we need to discuss the feasibility of this solution?

If we met the goal, how do we maintain it?

# What do we do next?

Should we recycle through the problem solving process?

Do we need to revise the goal?

Do we need to revise the precision statement for the problem?

# Summary

- Effective meetings
  - Organization, roles, minutes
- Problem solving
  - Define problem with precision
  - Build comprehensive plan of support
  - Support plan should "fit" with behavioral function
- Implement plan
  - Regularly assess fidelity and impact.

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