# Problem-Solving and Response to Intervention (RtI)

## What is RtI?

RtI is a multi-tier model of instruction and intervention services, using research or evidence-based practices. RtI uses a problem-solving team to make data-driven decisions and to monitor all students' progress. The goal of RtI is to design instruction that best meets the needs of each student.

## RtI Levels of Interventions

***Tier 1: Universal Interventions***

The school provides all the students with high quality curriculum, instruction, and behavior supports in the general education classroom.

***Tier 2: Strategic Interventions***

The school provides interventions to small groups of students who need more support than they are receiving through Tier 1. Tier 2 interventions increase the intensity of instruction and frequency of progress monitoring.

***Tier 3: Intensive Interventions***

The problem-solving team develops and implements interventions to meet individual needs of students. Teachers continue to frequently progress monitor students at this intervention level.

## RtI Behavior

Positive Behavior Support (PBS) is the behavior side of RtI. It uses the problem solving model as well in addressing student needs in behavior. It, too, has the 3 tiers and uses behavior data as part of the decision making process. PBS, like the academic side, is proactive in monitoring students in the tiers.

### What RtI looks like in a school :

- High quality, evidenced/research based instructional and behavior supports in general education

-School-wide screening to determine which students need closer monitoring or additional interventions

-Multiple tiers of increasingly intense, evidence/research based interventions matched to the needs of student(s)

-Use of collaborative problem-solving team to develop, implement, and monitor interventions

-Continuous progress monitoring to determine if instruction/interventions are effective in meeting the needs of student(s)

-Follow up to ensure that the instruction/interventions were implemented as planned

-Parent involvement included throughout the process of finding solutions that lead to learning success

## Final Thoughts

The Goal of RtI is to prevent problems and intervene early so that students can experience academic and behavioral success in our schools. The RtI approach means students are more regularly monitored to determine progress, and scientifically based instruction and intervention are more regularly customized to meet the individual student needs. You can visit http://www.florida-rti.org/ for more information.