

PROJECT NAME:

Behavior Intervention Support Team (BIST) program

PROJECT LEAD:

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TIMELINE:

April 2008 – December 2011

CONTENT AREA:

Education and Social Services

FUNDER:

Hall Family Foundation

CLIENT:

Cornerstones of Care – Ozanam

AUDIENCE:

BIST program personnel and partnering School teachers, staff and administrators

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

Mixed (quantitative & qualitative) Methods

OVERVIEW:

Project: The BIST program simultaneously engages school administrators, teachers, parents, and students in a proactive/preventative, problem-solving school discipline plan, designed to teach social and behavioral skills, enhancing the academic and social growth of students.

RDI established the scientific basis of the BIST program; conducts annual focus groups/interviews with key BIST stakeholders; works with BIST staff to establish fidelity indicators and a process for monitoring fidelity during the implementation of the program; works with BIST staff to enhance evaluation strategies; works with BIST staff and partnering schools to collect evaluation data, conducts analysis and reporting of evaluation data, provides technical assistance to partnering stakeholders on how to use evaluation data in grant writing fund development efforts, prepares evaluation reports and journal articles, prepares the necessary documentation and submits applications to have the BIST program certified as evidence based.

At the end of September, 2010, RDI has conducted and prepared eight evaluation reports, submitted documentation to two certifying organizations, and prepared three journal articles for publication.

LINKS: