

## Fast Facts about Response to Intervention

- RTI is a school-wide process. Students aren't "in" RTI - it is not a thing. It involves a philosophical shift in thinking regarding how students who are at-risk for academic/behavioral difficulties are identified and how those difficulties are addressed.
- RTI involves ALL students--it is NOT special education or general education, but education for ALL.
- RTI means doing things DIFFERENTLY!
- RTI is a regular education initiative due to the reauthorization of IDEA.
- RTI involves different levels of support using scientifically-based programs for those identified as at-risk.
- RTI is about making data-based decisions using the Problem-Solving Process to identify student needs.
- Parents are involved at every step of the process
- The team must summarize multiple sources of evidence to conclude that the child exhibits a pattern of strengths and weaknesses in performance, achievement, or both, relative to age, State-approved grade level standards and intellectual development.
- Progress monitoring is the scientifically based practice of assessing students' academic performance on a regular basis for three purposes:
  - To determine whether children are profiting appropriately from the instructional program, including the curriculum;
  - To build more effective programs for the children who do not benefit; and
  - To estimate rates of student improvement
- Utilize the RTI Checklist to help you.
- In order to assist you in completing the steps of the checklist, a rubric has been developed to help you know what we need when it comes to processing a referral.