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# Considerations for the Fall: Applying the Essential Elements of Data Literacy to Respond to Student and System Needs

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# Welcome

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# Who are we?



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The National Center for Systemic Improvement (NCSI) helps states transform their systems to improve outcomes for children and youth with disabilities.

***[Read the NCSI Commitment to Combat Systemic Racism for Students with Disabilities](#)***



*COVID-19 Resources for Supporting Students with Disabilities*

<https://ncsi.wested.org/>

# Introducing the PROGRESS Center

The PROGRESS Center provides information, resources, tools, and technical assistance services to support local educators in developing and implementing high-quality educational programs that enable children with disabilities to make progress and meet challenging goals, consistent with *Andrew F. v. Douglas County School District* (2017).



## HOW WILL WE HELP IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES?



Share current research, policies, guidance, success stories, and experiences from students, parents, educators, and other stakeholders.



Partner with selected local educators to develop and implement high-quality educational programs.



Provide tools, resources, and training materials for ALL educators, leaders, and families.

Visit us at [www.promotingPROGRESS.org](http://www.promotingPROGRESS.org)  
to learn more!

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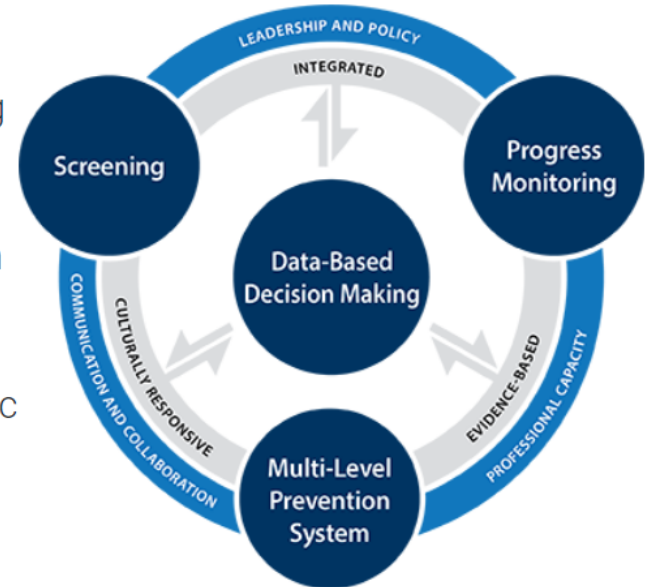
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## Welcome to the MTSS Center

Since 2007 the MTSS Center has been a leader in supporting states, districts, and schools across the country in implementing an MTSS framework that integrates assessment and intervention within a multi - level prevention system to maximize student achievement and reduce behavior problems. To learn more about the essential components of MTSS click on the components of the graphic



Launching August 2020 at  
[www.MTSS4success.org](http://www.MTSS4success.org)

# Session Outcomes

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Use the four essential elements of data literacy as a guide for SEA, LEA, and school building teams to explore questions, manage, and use data, both virtually and in-person, to make informed decisions.
- Access tools to help support LEAs to work together to meet student's diverse needs.



**What is data literacy?  
What does it mean to be data literate?**



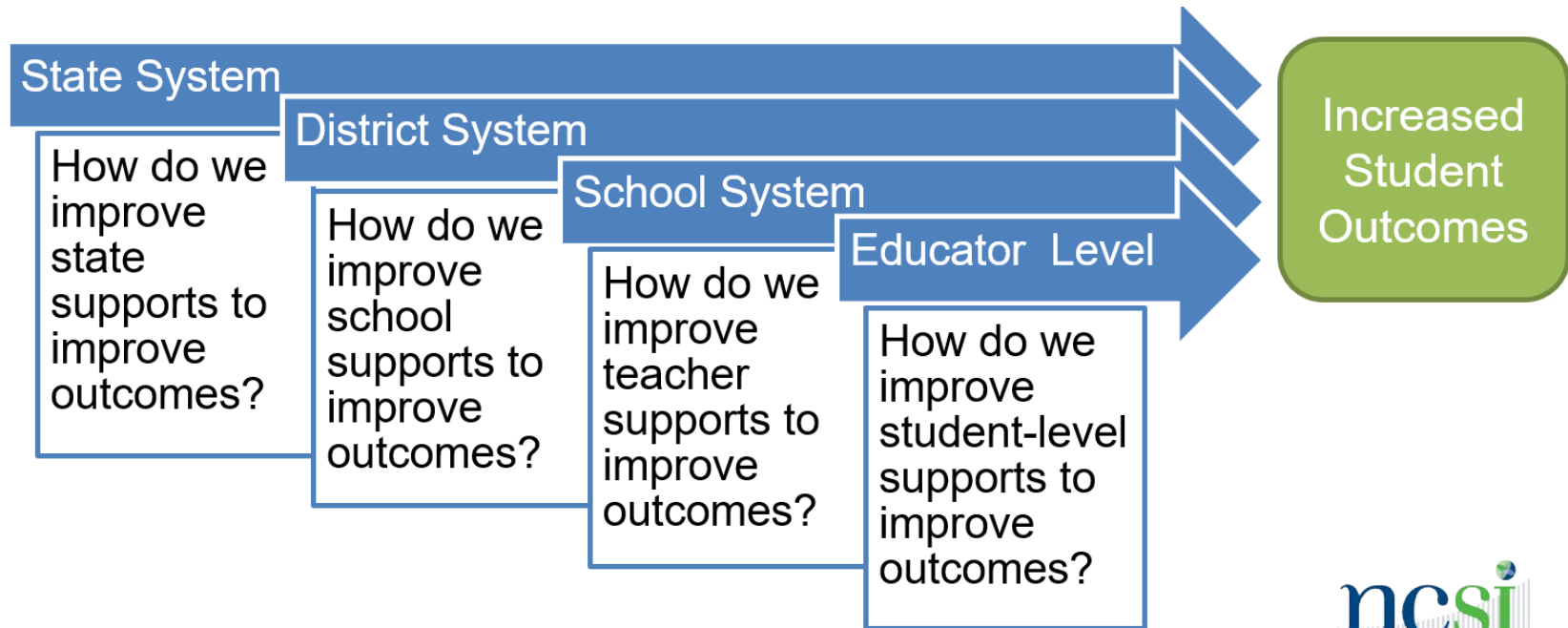
**Without knowing,  
how can we respond?  
How can we plan?**



# Building Data Literacy helps us to:

- Explore which data are needed to deeply understand the problems driving poor systemic results;
- Enable nimble access to necessary data;
- Analyze, interpret, use, and report data to promote goal attainment; and
- Reflect on data access and analysis to improve infrastructure to enable better use.

# Build Data Literacy at All Levels of the System



# Lessons Learned (What we Know)

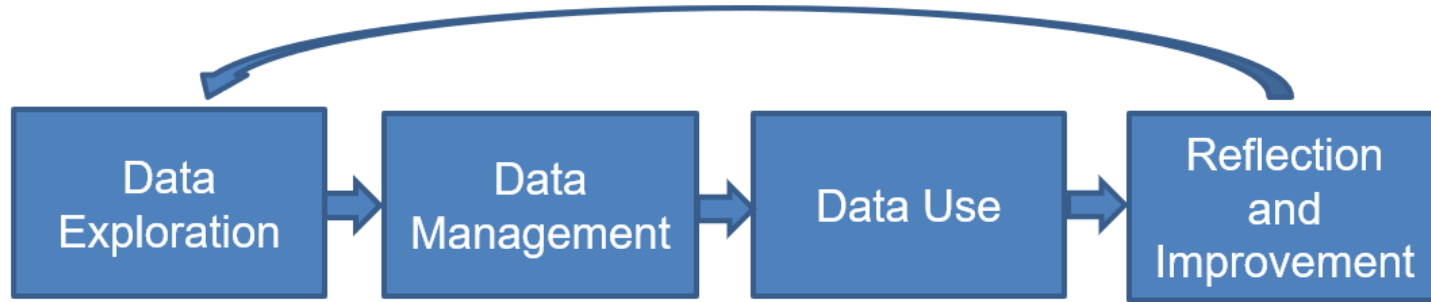
Ensure common understanding of data literacy.

Provide a continuum of professional learning opportunities.

Build infrastructure to support data literacy.

Engage stakeholders.

# Data Literacy Continuum: Essential Elements



## What?

- Purpose and vision (set the path)
- Research questions (what do we want/need to know)

## Considerations

- Who are the impacted stakeholders?
- Establishing buy-in prior to moving forward

## What?

- Data definitions
- Data selection
- Data collection/ access
- Data submission
- Data fidelity
- Data management system/storage

## Considerations

- Costs, time, feasibility, burden on stakeholders

## What?

- Data analysis
- Data use/data-based decision making
- Data sharing and reporting

## Considerations

- Balance of use...systems improvement, instructional decision making, reporting
- Use depends on role

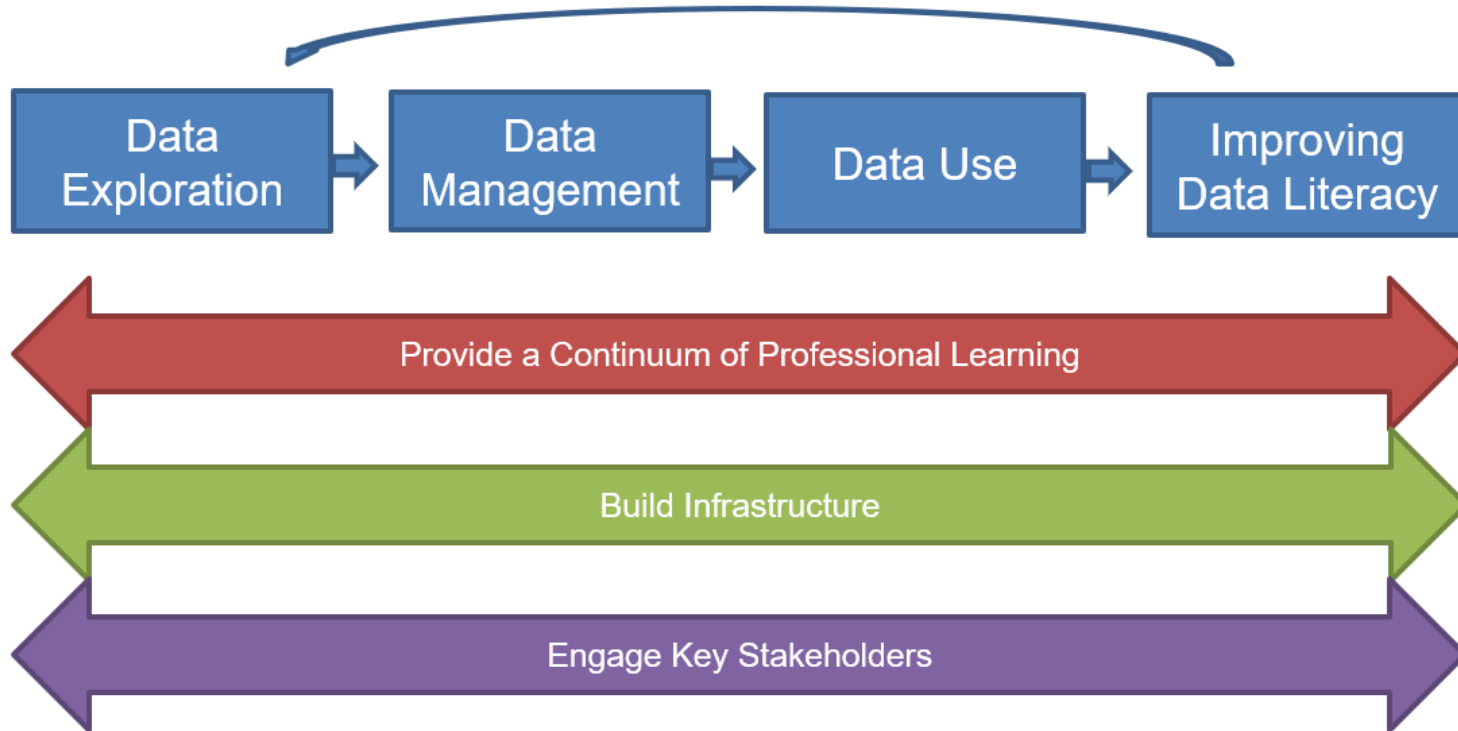
## What?

- Efficiency and effectiveness data literacy
- Data integration
- Sustainability at data use/management
- Scaling processes
- Improving fidelity

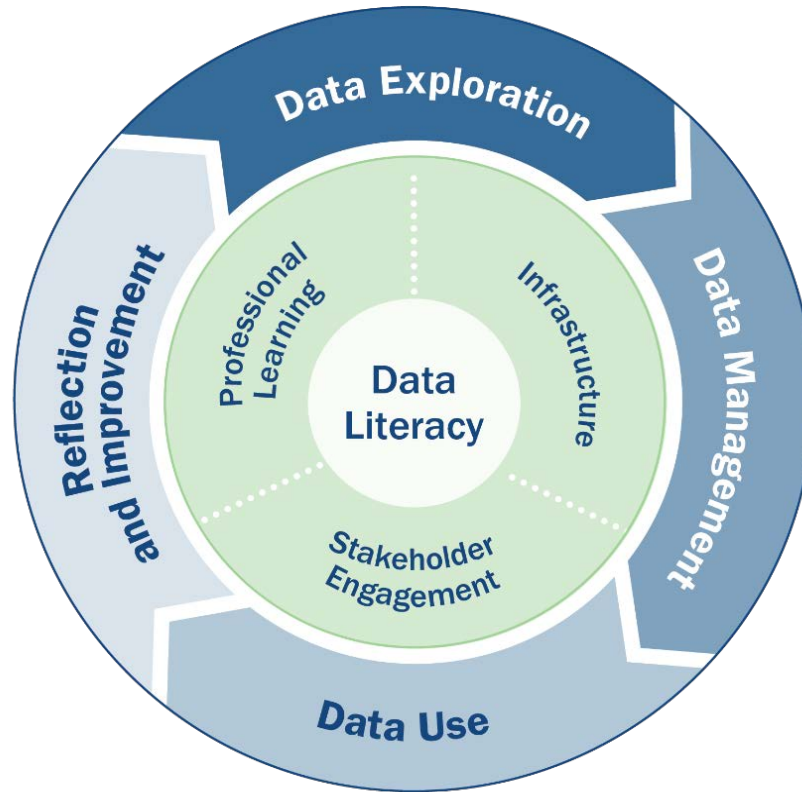
## Considerations

- How can we improve costs, time, feasibility, data system, burden on stakeholders for data use?
- Did we answer our questions?

# Data Literacy Continuum: Essential Elements.



# Putting it All Together: Defining Data Literacy



# Considerations for Data Exploration



- What data have been collected in the past?
- What do we **need** to know to provide instruction and services in the fall?
- What do we **need** to know to identify regression based upon change of instruction from spring and summer?
- What do our staff, families, and students **need** to know? What do they want to know?

- Virtual IEP Tip Sheets

<https://promotingprogress.org/resources/virtual-iep-meeting-tip-sheets>

- Sample Agendas

<https://promotingprogress.org/resources/virtual-iep-meeting-sample-agenda>

- Leading by Convening

<https://ncsi.wested.org/resources/leading-by-convening/>



# Considerations for Data Management

- Will the data be valid? Will the data be an accurate representation of what we want to know (e.g., student performance, fidelity)?
- Will it be feasible? Can data be collected in this context? Can I still use my current data tools?
- Will it be useful? Will it help me improve my services, planning, supports, or communication with parents and stakeholders?

# Resources for Data Management Decisions

- Frequently Asked Questions on Collecting Progress Monitoring Data Virtually <https://intensiveintervention.org/resource/FAQ-collecting-progress-monitoring-data-virtually>
- Academic <https://charts.intensiveintervention.org/aprogressmonitoring> and Behavior <https://charts.intensiveintervention.org/bprogressmonitoring> Progress Monitoring Tools Charts (NCII)
- Academic <https://charts.intensiveintervention.org/ascreening> and Behavior <https://charts.intensiveintervention.org/bscreening> Screening Tools Charts (NCII)
- Developing Academic and Functional PLAAFPs (Coming Soon – PROGRESS Center)
- Ensuring Fidelity of Assessment and Data Entry Procedures <https://intensiveintervention.org/resource/ensuring-fidelity-assessment-and-data-entry-procedures> (MTSS Center & NCII)
- Informal Diagnostic Tools <https://intensiveintervention.org/intensive-intervention/diagnostic-data/example-diagnostic-tools> For Instructional Decision Making (NCII)
- [Implementation Evaluation Matrix](#) (NCSI)

# Considerations for Data Use

- How will we balance data use across systems improvement, instructional decision making, and reporting?
- How will the data be used to measure the loss of learning or regression? How will data be compared to last progress of data from spring/end of year?
- How will teams problem solve around data?
- How will data be interpreted and communicated to stakeholders, including parents, to collaboratively implement educational programs?

# Resources for Data Use



- Tools to Support Intensive Intervention Data Meetings  
<https://intensiveintervention.org/implementation-support/tools-support-intensive-intervention-data-meetings>
- Supporting Students with Disabilities at School and Home: A Guide for Teachers to Support Families and Students (PBIS, Integrated MTSS, NCII)  
<https://intensiveintervention.org/resource/supporting-students-disabilities-school-and-home>
- Data Visualization Toolkit: Tools & Tips for Presenting Data Effectively (NCSI) <https://ncsi-library.wested.org/resources/56>

# Considerations for Reflection and Improvement

- When and how will we engage in discussions about what worked and didn't work? What is the role of the leader?
- How can we improve costs, time, feasibility, data system, burden on stakeholders for data use?
- Did we answer our questions?

# Resources for Reflection and Improvement

- Wins and Hiccups: A Collaborative Implementation Problem-Solving Guide (NCSI) <https://ncsi-library.wested.org/resources/191>
- Implementation Strategies and Resource Grid: A Companion Tool to Wins and Hiccups (NCSI) <https://ncsi-library.wested.org/resources/212>
- Managing the Implementation Dip (NCSI) <https://ncsi-library.wested.org/resources/222>

# Lessons Learned to Engage Stakeholders

- Communicate a clear and consistent message to educators regarding the importance of collecting high-quality and reliable data.
- Engage stakeholders in data need sensing and tool selection or development to promote buy-in from the communities that will utilize the tool.
- Regularly share data on quality with internal and external stakeholders.

Data Use Multi-State Spotlight: Using Data Fidelity Tools to Improve Data Quality (2018)

# Lessons Learned About Data Use: Recommendations for Next Steps

Ensure common understanding of data literacy.

Provide a continuum of professional learning opportunities.

Build infrastructure to support data literacy.

Engage key stakeholders.

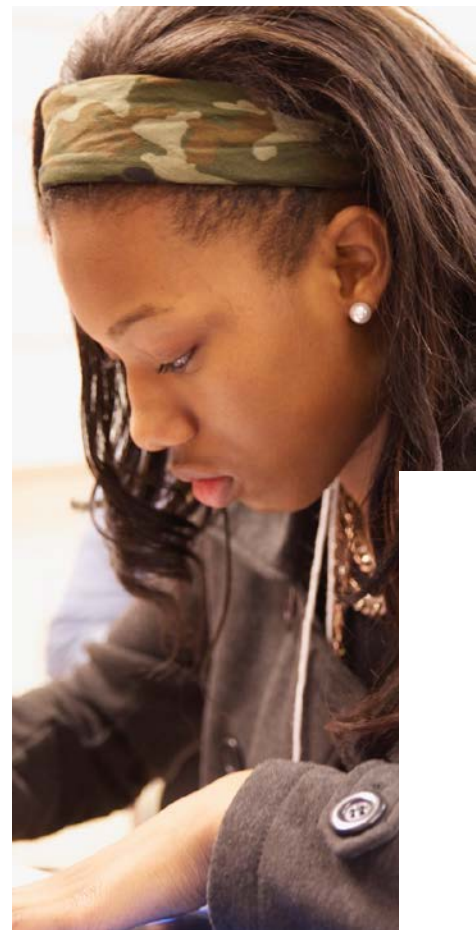


# Q&A



# National Resources to Support Effective Use of Data at the Local Level

- National Center for Systemic Improvement, <https://ncsi.wested.org/>
- National Center on Intensive Intervention, [www.intensiveintervention.org](http://www.intensiveintervention.org)
- National Center on Educational Outcomes, Moving Your Numbers, <http://www.movingyournumbers.org/>
- National Center on Improving Literacy, <https://improvingliteracy.org/>



# Thank you! We look forward to working with you!

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