

2004-06 COLORADO FUTURES IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROJECT: "RTI Is For Behavior Too!"

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The *Colorado Futures in School Psychology Project* is in its second year as a collaborative initiative funded by a Colorado Department of Education Sliver Grant. The project is designed to support school psychologists in using their skills to implement new service delivery models and assessment strategies as outlined in NCLB and the recent IDEA Reauthorization. Partners are the Colorado Society of School Psychologists, Colorado Department of Education, Colorado School Psychology Trainers and the Cherry Creek School District. Project goals include creating a state-wide communication system for school psychologists, assessing training needs of Colorado school psychologists, organizing regional trainings to meet those needs, and partnering with district special education directors.

School psychologists responded to professional development needs assessments during 2004 and 2005. Across all respondents, two primary areas were consistently identified as training priorities: Response-to-Intervention (RTI) and Research-Based Interventions for Social-Emotional-Behavioral Concerns. Regional RTI presentations by Dr. Frank Gresham were held during April, 2005 with over 1,000 attendees.

Jim Wright will be training statewide April 10-14, 2006, focusing on "RTI is for Behavior Too!", addressing the other identified priority professional training area by targeting interventions for disruptive and oppositional behavior. Jim is the creator of the Intervention Central website (www.interventioncentral.org) and a practicing school psychologist who is noted for his excellent presentations. The training will be for special education directors, school psychologists, administrators, and all members of building intervention teams. The Futures Project is encouraging teams to attend together, as there will be scheduled time for action planning. Jim Wright's presentation schedule is as follows:

Monday (4/10) Grand Junction

Tuesday (4/11) Denver

Wednesday (4/12) Greeley

Thursday (4/13) Colorado Springs

Friday (4/14) Pueblo

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