

CSI MTSS Collaborative

2020-2021 Program Overview and Application

Overview

The CSI MTSS Collaborative provides an opportunity for educators from CSI schools to work and learn together while developing strategies to evaluate and implement tiered-supports that effectively impact student outcomes.

The 2020-2021 MTSS Collaborative will launch at the CDE-hosted CO-MTSS Summit in Colorado Springs on August 3rd and 4th (<https://www.cde.state.co.us/mtss>). The Collaborative will hold five all-day sessions during the school year at the CSI offices in Denver. CSI will cover costs associated with travel, hotels, and substitutes for accepted Collaborative members. In addition to the five in-person sessions, Collaborative members will receive regular one-on-one coaching personalized to their individual and school needs.

Collaborative meetings will consist of professional learning focused around Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), with an emphasis on problem-solving at both the student and systems level. Collaborative members will share and learn from colleagues at other CSI schools as we explore and discuss practical implementation strategies to provide the support that students and adults need in each member's school context. Continuing education credits and a certificate of completion will be provided at completion.

Outcomes

Through the CSI MTSS Collaborative, members will develop:

1. A deeper understanding of MTSS and how such systems best support adults and students.
2. Strategies and tools for implementing and evaluating school programming
3. A network of educators at CSI schools who are working to solve similar problems



Engage with other educators, experts, and CSI staff



Receive in-depth training and individualized coaching from CSI staff



Earn continuing education credits and a certificate of completion

Program Dates

March 11th, 2020	Program Announcement and Application Released
April 17th, 2020	Applications Due
May 6th, 2020	CSI MTSS Collaborative Members Selected
August 3rd and 4th	Kick-off: Colorado MTSS Summit, Colorado Springs
September, 2020 - April, 2021	Five, All-Day Collaborative Meetings Scheduled Through the 2020-2021 School Year

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I apply?

Applications are due April 17th, 2020. To apply to the 2020-2021 CSI MTSS Collaborative, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/CSI-MTSS-2020>

What is MTSS?

Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) is an evidence-based framework that provides schools with a way to organize academic and social emotional programming through directed, efficient use of school resources. Specific school programming initiatives such as PBIS, Rtl, CASEL, etc. can all be organized and aligned under the organizational umbrella of MTSS.

Is my school ready to participate?

The tools and practices discussed at MTSS Collaborative meetings are applicable to schools in all stages of MTSS systems development. Schools that are building new MTSS frameworks will learn how to plan and implement sustainable systems that support both adults and students. Schools with more mature systems in place will learn how to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of existing programming. Additionally, each Collaborative member will also be partnered with a CSI staff member to directly support MTSS development in their specific school context.

Who should apply?

Teams of one to three members from schools are invited to apply together. Prior year Collaborative members have found that having multiple people participate can magnify impact on their school systems because of the multiple perspectives and shared responsibility. Only one application is required per team.

Team member applicants are invited who hold roles with official or unofficial leadership responsibilities at their schools. Appropriate applicants include EL or Special Education Directors, Teacher Coaches, Deans, Department Heads, Mentor/Lead Teachers, and Interventionists. All applicants will need the approval of their school leader to participate in the program.

Can my school have participants in both SIF and the MTSS Collaborative?

Yes! Schools with participants in the CSI School Improvement Fellowship are encouraged to have other school staff members apply to the MTSS Collaborative. CSI staff will coordinate coaching discussions between the members of the two groups to align efficacy and impact.

What is the cost of participation?

Full scholarships will be provided to all Collaborative members. Associated costs for meeting attendance such as travel and required substitutes will be covered by CSI.

For questions, please contact Greg Nusz at GregNusz@csi.state.co.us