

THE PRE-REFERRAL PROCESS: PROCEDURES FOR SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL CONCERNS

CHALLENGE

- **Media:** Deborah Delatorre is new to Macy Middle School and new to teaching fifth graders. For the last twenty years, she taught fourth graders at a private elementary school, and this will be her first year teaching at a public school. Her last school had a system for supporting students with and without disabilities, but it was not a formal process. She wonders what she needs to know about pre-referral, and she recognizes that she has a lot to learn in her new job. (movie)

INITIAL THOUGHTS

- What is the pre-referral process?
- What are the stages of the pre-referral process and what do they involve?

PERSPECTIVES AND RESOURCES

- Module Objectives (box)
 - After completing the entire Perspectives and Resources section and after reviewing the accompanying activities, you should:
 - Understand the purpose of the pre-referral process
 - Recognize and be able to describe the six stages of the pre-referral process

🔍 Page 1: Overview of the Pre-Referral Processes

- Definition of the pre-referral process.
- Mr. Young further describes the pre-referral process as a... (bulleted list)
- Research Shows... (box)

🔍 Page 2: Goals and Benefits of the Pre-Referral Process

- Pre-referral uses a problem-solving team to help teachers find effective teaching strategies
- The pre-referral process boasts a number of benefits (bulleted list)
- FYI (box)

🔍 Page 3: Six Stages in the Pre-Referral Process

- The pre-referral process can typically be divided into six distinct stages (numbered list)

🔍 Page 4: Stage 1: Initial Concern

- Definition of the first stage in the pre-referral process, *initial concern*
- Informal and Formal Concerns (box)
- Warning signs (bulleted list)
- **Activity:** What About Walker? (box with links)
 - *Link:* Warning signs worksheet
 - *Link:* Warning signs worksheet answer key

- Pre-referral at Macy Middle School (box)

🔍 **Page 5: Stage 2: Information Gathering**

- Definition of the second stage in the pre-referral process, *information gathering*
- It is important to collect information about... (bulleted list)
- Sources of information (bulleted list)
- Pre-referral at Macy Middle School (box)

🔍 **Page 6: Stage 3: Information Sharing and Team Discussion**

- Definition of the third stage in the pre-referral process, *information sharing and team discussion*
- *Link*: The roster of a typical pre-referral team
- Keep in Mind (box)
- Any forms used during this stage should include information about... (bulleted list)
- The team might try to ascertain whether or not the concern is due to... (bulleted list)
- FYI (box)
- Pre-referral at Macy Middle School (box)

🔍 **Page 7: Stage 4: Discussion of Possible Strategies**

- Definition of the fourth stage in the pre-referral process, *discussion of possible strategies*
- Appropriate accommodations might entail recommendations for the... (bulleted list)
- Keep in Mind (box with bulleted list)
- Pre-referral at Macy Middle School (box with link)
 - *Link*: Pre-referral meeting notes

🔍 **Page 8: Stage 5: Implementation and Monitoring of Strategies**

- Definition of the fifth stage in the pre-referral process, *implementation and monitoring of strategies*
 - *Link*: “curriculum-based measurement” (definition)
- *Link*: “behavior recording sheet” (definition)
- FYI (box)
- Pre-referral at Macy Middle School (box)

🔍 **Page 9: Stage 6: Evaluation and Decision Making**

- Definition of the sixth stage in the pre-referral process, *evaluation and decision making*
- Is the student making adequate progress in the classroom? (table)
- FYI (box with bulleted list)
- Pre-referral at Macy Middle School (box with bulleted list)

🔍 **Page 10: References, Additional Resources and Information**

- References
- Additional Resources and Information

🔍 **Page 11: Credits**

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ASSESSMENT

- “Please complete the items below” (numbered questions)

WRAP UP

- **Media:** Don Compton overviews each of the pre-referral process’s six stages (movie)
- Reflection on Initial Thoughts (box)

