

New Hampshire MTSS-B Fidelity Inventory

Tier 2/3 Module



School District/LEA:

School:

State:

Date Completed:

Name of person facilitating administration of this NH-MFI module:

What is the role of the facilitator?

Is this the District/LEA's first administration of the NH-MFI District Module?

How long has the District/LEA been implementing MTSS-B?

Instructions

This tool was adapted from the New Hampshire MTSS-B Fidelity Inventory (NH-MFI) with permission from the authors. The Behavioral Health Improvement Institute has made the NH-MFI freely available as part of the NH MTSS-B toolkit. Do not alter the tool without their permission.

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- Please use the following citation in all references to the NH-MFI:
Phillips, M. & Fauth, J. (2020). *The New Hampshire MTSS-B Fidelity Inventory (NH-MFI)*. Behavioral Health Improvement Institute, Keene State College.
- Download and save a copy of this form before completing the NH-MFI.

Purpose

The NH MTSS-B Fidelity Inventory (NH-MFI) assesses the degree to which districts and schools are implementing the core features of the NH MTSS-B framework and helps district and school teams understand the relative strengths and weaknesses of their MTSS-B implementation. The NH-MFI Tier 2/3 Module is one of four modules (District, Schoolwide/Tier 1, Tier 2/3, and Behavioral Health Integration), and is designed to measure the quality of your advanced tier intervention delivery system, including teaming and intervention structures and practices. Scores should be used to support strategic/action planning using the corresponding NH MTSS-B Action Planning Tools at the district (D-MAPT) and school (S-MAPT) levels, monitor progress, and gauge fidelity to the NH MTSS-B framework.

Administration






This module should be completed a minimum of once a year, during the district/school's typical planning time (e.g., just prior to the start of or after the close of the school year, etc.). In addition, the NH-MFI can be administered again mid-year to gauge ongoing implementation progress, if desired. Each module requires approximately 30-40 minutes to complete. An MTSS-B coach should facilitate administration, helping the team fully understand each item, reality-check their perceptions of implementation, and reach consensus on scoring.



MODULE	TEAM	ADMINISTRATION	FACILITATOR
Tier 2/3	Advanced Tier/combined Tier 2/3 team At minimum, this should include a building administrator, teacher, school behavioral health staff, community-based mental health clinician, relevant child-serving agency staff, and family and youth representatives.	Annually, during typical district/school planning time to support annual strategic/action planning using the NH MTSS-B Action Planning Tools Optional: one additional administration mid-year to gauge ongoing progress	Internal or external MTSS-B coach

Scoring

Each item on the NH-MFI describes a MTSS-B ideal/gold standard. The relevant team should work through the items one by one, in order. First, each team member – independently – considers the degree to which an item/gold standard is currently in place: not at all, a little, somewhat, considerably, or completely – and what evidence they could cite to support that rating. Then, team members share their individual ratings with the team along with an explanation of any evidence supporting those ratings. Especially with teams that are newer to the NH-MFI, the MTSS-B coach can then offer a score (e.g., that sounds like a “2”), inviting the team to agree or disagree and discusses any discrepancies – ultimately generating a single, agreed-upon consensus score for each item. As a general rule, teams should err on the side of being conservative in their scoring – if you’re not sure which response option fits best, or think reality falls right in between two possible response options, choose the lower one. See below for further guidance on what each response option represents in visual/symbolic and quantitative terms.

RESPONSE OPTIONS	SYMBOL	SCORE	PERCENT IMPLEMENTED
Not at all in place		0	~0% in place
A little in place		1	~25% in place
Somewhat in place		2	~50% in place
Considerably in place		3	~75% in place
Completely in place		4	~100% in place

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Tier 2/3 Module

TO BE COMPLETED BY AN "ADVANCED TIER" TEAM, TIER 2/3 STEERING COMMITTEE, OR COMBINED TIER 2/3 TEAM

Tier 2/3 Team						
A1	Tier 2/3 team structure The team meets at least once per month; uses structured agendas, roles, and problem-solving operating procedures (e.g., Team-Initiated Problem Solving, etc.); and routinely reviews data, updates action plans, and monitors Tier 2/3 system implementation progress.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place
A2	Tier 2/3 team composition The team has (1) consistent (>80% attendance) representation at meetings from school administrators, teachers, school behavioral health, community-based mental health, other child-serving organizations, family, and youth; (2) knowledge and expertise in student academic and behavior patterns, school operations across grades and programs, community data, behavioral health, implementation science, and facilitation/coaching; and (3) decision-making authority about advanced tier related policy and procedures and allocation of funding and other resources (e.g., professional development, supportive technology, etc.).	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place
A3	Tier 2/3 team data-based decision making The team reviews existing school (e.g., discipline, attendance, grades, nurse visits, universal screening data, school climate etc.) and community (e.g., substance misuse, wait times for services, suicidal ideation/attempts, hospitalizations, child welfare contacts, juvenile justice interactions, etc.) data monthly. The team uses these data to support action planning, including monitoring progress at the Tier 2/3 system level, identifying Tier 2/3 needs/gaps, and informing Tier 2/3 system intervention strategies.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place
A4	Tier 2/3 team facilitation/coaching Advanced tier team(s) receive at least two hours of coaching/facilitation per month from an external and/or internal coach with expertise in NH's MTSS-B model. The MTSS-B coach socializes the Advanced Team(s) to the MTSS-B model, process, and role of the coach; facilitates district team meetings; guides MTSS-B planning and implementation; supports completion of MTSS-B tools; and provides interactive problem-solving and support.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place



Tier 2/3 Systems						
A5	School single request for assistance A single request for assistance process managed by a designated team or coordinator (e.g. an advanced team lead) is used to respond to all student academic, social-emotional, and behavioral health needs. The request for assistance process is understood and accessible to all staff; requests are made in writing and directed to the designated team/coordinator; and requests are responded to within 3 school days.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place
A6	School data-driven screening Explicit criteria, based on an established social-emotional screener and other relevant school data (e.g., attendance, grades, office discipline referrals, nurse visits, etc.), are used to identify and stratify (i.e., Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, community mental health) students' social-emotional/behavioral health needs at least twice annually.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place
A7	Tier 2/3 intervention selection Tier 2/3 school and community-based behavioral health interventions are selected based on local data (e.g., students' behavioral health needs) and scholarly evidence (i.e., evidence-based, when possible). The team selects new interventions using a structured, documented decision-making process (e.g., using the Hexagon Tool). The team conducts an annual review of the evidence associated with existing Tier 2/3 interventions, discontinuing those that are found to be ineffective, redundant, and/or unnecessary.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place
A8	Tier 2/3 intervention implementation All Tier 2/3 school and community-based behavioral health interventions are implemented with fidelity. They are delivered by staff with appropriate credentials and expertise who receive 1) ongoing training and coaching from experts in the practice model and 2) timely feedback on fidelity and outcomes.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place



Tier 2/3 Systems continued						
A9	School student progress tracking Progress on individualized student goals and outcomes is tracked at the individual level for all students receiving Tier 2/3 services. These data are examined monthly to determine response to intervention and to adjust services/ supports as necessary.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place
A10	Tier 2/3 intervention monitoring, improvement, and accountability Access and engagement (e.g., number and percentage of students receiving, attendance rates), fidelity, and outcomes (e.g., student wellness, behavior) are tracked at the aggregate level for all Tier 2/3 interventions to improve existing and inform future selection of Tier 2/3 interventions. Data are shared with the entire school staff annually in a way that is easy to access and understand.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place
A11	School facilitated referrals A facilitated referral pathway between the school and community mental health partner(s) is established for students with Tier 3 behavioral health needs who require more specialized or intensive interventions than can be offered on school grounds. The pathway 1) establishes interorganizational protocols (e.g., release of information) that a) increase the ease and speed with which students can receive services and b) facilitate timely and effective communication and follow-up and 2) provides supportive problem-solving to families to reduce barriers and increase access to care. At least 50% of students referred for community-based behavioral health services receive and attend their first appointment within two weeks of referral.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place



Tier 2/3 Interventions						
A12	Tier 2 targeted supports Up to 15% of the school population can access school-based Tier 2 targeted supports annually, including small group and daily mentoring/check-in (Check In/Check Out, Check and Connect) interventions. Students are able to access Tier 2 supports within one week of referral. Tier 2 supports a) build off/reinforce the SEL curriculum and positive behavioral expectations, b) are (co)facilitated and/or supervised by at least one staff with advanced (master's or doctoral) behavioral health training, and c) implemented with fidelity to an evidence-based intervention model.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place
A13	Tier 3 Individualized interventions Up to 5% of the school population can access evidence-based, individualized behavioral health services offered by school or contracted staff on school grounds annually. Students are able to access Tier 3 services within one week of referral. Individualized interventions are provided by staff with advanced behavioral health training and expertise, with access to expert coaching in the evidence-based model, and are implemented with fidelity.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place
A14	Tier 3 Individualized student support teams An individualized team is developed for each student identified with Tier 3 behavioral health needs. The team consists of the student, one or more caregivers, school/community behavioral health provider(s), and teachers and other school staff of the family's choice. Teams review progress and update student success plans (see A15) on at least a monthly basis.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place
A15	Tier 3 Individualized student success plans A student support team develops success plans for each student receiving Tier 3 services. The plan is developed based on individualized student data along with the expertise of all members of the team, with special emphasis on youth/family voice and choice. The plan describes: 1) strengths and needs, 2) the meaning/function of problem behavior, 3) major academic and quality of life goals and strategies; and 4) benchmarks for success.	0: Not at all in place	1: A little in place	2: Somewhat in place	3: Mostly in place	4: Completely in place