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Response To Intervention

RTI focuses on the general educational system and its response to students who are at risk of failing. The process is designed to help every student reach benchmark, and there are no eligibility requirements that have to be met before additional help can be given. Districts start by collecting reading, math, and behavior data on every student, assessing if the school's core curriculum is meeting the needs of all its students, then determining what interventions are necessary to ensure student success. ESD 105 offers RTI training at six school districts piloting this process (Goldendale, Highland, Mt. Adams, Naches, Union Gap, and Wahluke).



The Special Education Department at ESD 105 provides high quality staff development to school personnel in our region who serve students who have disabilities or are considered high-risk for learning problems. We offer program development, technical assistance on regulations, and instructional best practices for individuals 3 to 21 years old. We also serve as a liaison between school districts and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and collaborate with other community agencies that provide supportive services to children with special needs.



Special Education Cooperatives

The Special Education Cooperative staff joins with school district teams to meet the unique needs of children with special needs. Our Cooperative staff can assist with:

- Information on specific conditions & disabilities
- Assessment
- Parent education
- Direct service
- In-service
- IEP planning & implementation
- Consultation



Occupational Therapy Services

Our licensed occupational therapists and licensed occupational therapy assistants can help your staff address the physical and motor needs of children (including their balance, handwriting, auditory, and vision skills) in order to maximize their educational performance. Our Occupational Therapy Cooperative provides on-site training for teachers and paraprofessionals.

Hearing Services

As available, we can offer direct services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as consultation to district teachers and signing interpreters. Districts purchase services based on the needs of the individual student.

Vision Services

We offer visually impaired students instruction in Braille and special technology to access your school's general education curriculum. We can also orient students to their environment through mobility training. Additionally, ESD 105 offers scholarships for visually impaired students to attend a special session of Space Academy at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, where they can enhance their learning of science.

Autism Services

With the first autism services coordinator among our state's ESDs, ESD 105 leads the way in offering autism technical assistance to schools. We provide consistent, standardized, and culturally effective staff development on autism spectrum disorders, including such offerings as STAR (Strategies for Teaching based on Autism Research) and the Alert Program (which teaches strategies to attain optimal levels of alertness).

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 Delivering.
 Inspiring.*