



Dangers of the Mind Intervention Kit

Dangers of the Mind Intervention Kit is a comprehensive intervention package for flexible use in grades 6 – 12. The lessons and support materials are designed to assist schools, after-school programs, clubs, youth groups, juvenile detention centers, halfway houses, career and college prep classes, and many other organizations in helping young people learn valuable leadership skills to start them on the road toward college and career readiness, wise independent decision-making, and habits and skills supporting personal goal fulfillment.

Response to Intervention (RtI) Overview

The process of using data to identify student needs and intervene as soon as possible is called **Response to Intervention (RtI)**. RtI includes all students in general and special education. RtI involves behavioral interventions as well as academic interventions.

The goal of RtI is high quality instruction for all students all of the time. High quality instruction is not possible without positive student engagement and behavior in the classroom. RtI for behavior involves high quality social-emotional learning and interventions matched to student behavior needs. Behavioral data indicating levels of positive student engagement, such as discipline, attendance, and grades, with school are examined. Schools use this data to provide proactive intervention to students needing support in these areas. RtI for academics and behavior are integrated together in actual implementation for the best results in increased student achievement.

School improvement is similar to RtI. RtI is the framework used to help schools use their data and resources to make significant school improvement. RtI for Behavior (RtI-B) centers on student engagement data which is highly correlated to students at-risk for dropping out of school. School wide behavior supports are put in place to encourage all students to positively engage in school as a part of **Tier 1**. Students needing additional support and time in learning and applying new social skills participate in **Tier 2** interventions, typically organized as small groups meeting several times each week. Sometimes students are in need of more intensive

Tier 3 interventions and participate in highly individualized daily sessions with counselors, school psychologists, or coaches.

***Dangers of the Mind* Intervention Planning Tools**

The Dangers of the Mind Intervention Kit is easily used for Tiers 2 and 3 intervention. Intervention tools are provided to support appropriate documentation and progress monitoring for each type of intervention.



