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STUDENT ENGAGEMENT INTERVENTION

Implementing with Fidelity

The Check & Connect manual, published by the Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota, provides a guide for implementing Check & Connect with fidelity, including —

- Foundational theory and research
- Key components and elements
- The roles of the mentor and coordinator
- The four subtypes of engagement - academic, behavioral, cognitive, and affective
- The steps of implementation (see reverse)
- Implementation examples, tools, and resources (see reverse)
- The importance of enhancing students' home and school contexts
- Guidance on responding to local school and community contexts

About Check & Connect: Check & Connect is an evidence-based student engagement intervention used in K-12 schools with students showing early warning signs of disengagement from school and learning or who are at risk of dropping out. For more information, visit <http://checkandconnect.umn.edu>.



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Implementing C&C with Fidelity

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Implementing with Fidelity

To get your team off to the right start with implementing Check & Connect, we recommend the following —

• Training

Our high quality, in-person trainings help your team plan for and execute implementation, whether you're just starting or scaling up. We also offer certification trainings for large districts or entire states to train their own trainers to support ongoing professional development for implementers.

• Check & Connect App

Sites can subscribe to the new web-based application that replaces and enhances the paper-based monitoring form to provide effective data collection and reporting. Coordinators and mentors access the Check & Connect App from any internet-connected computer or tablet to enter student data, track student progress, and generate reports to ensure fidelity of implementation.

Consider supplementing your manual with Check & Connect training and the new App to enhance fidelity.

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