



Beyond Reopening is School Readiness

May 20, 2021



My Founder's Story

- The Road to Diagnosis
- Job loss and Family struggles
- Learning Family-Centered Practices
- The Right to Self-Determination
- Educate, Advocate, Agitate
- Decolonize and Organize
- Transition: March 10, 2020



Family-Centered Program Areas

Parent Coaching

- **Education Advocacy**
 - One-on-One Support
 - Parent Café Project
 - Serve Your City Partnership — Referrals for One-on-One and

Intersectional Organizing

- **PAAT Fellowship Programs**
 - Antiracism and Special Education Book Club
 - We, The Motherhood™ Facebook Live Show and Podcast
 - Community Baby Showers
 - Parent Organizing
 - Winter Advocacy Bootcamp
- **DC UBI Coalition**



Family-Centered Program Areas, cont'd

Parent Coaching

- **Education Advocacy**
 - One-on-One Support
 - Winter Parent Advocacy Boot Camp
 - Workbooks
 - Blog

Action Research

- LEADY Program
- Online Resource Library
- IEP Vault (coming soon)

Consultancy Projects

- **School-based Behavioral Health Expansion**
- DC Health Equity Project
- Early Intervention Parent Ambassador Program
- Implementation of the REACH Act
- Child Justice Campaign



Partners

- Advocates for Justice and Education
- Brightbeam Network
- Center for Health and Health Care in Schools (GW)
- Early Childhood Personnel Center (ECPC)/Division of Early Childhood (DEC)
- Education Reform Now
- DC Initiative on Racial Equity
- Howard University
- Institute for Educational Leadership





Mayor Muriel Bowser ✓
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Today, we are proud to make historic investments in our public schools as we work together to reopen and recover.

Learn more: mayor.dc.gov/release/mayor-...

Mayor Bowser's Fiscal Year 2022 budget proposal will include a 3.6% increase to the uniform per student funding formula (UPSFF), for a total of more than \$2 billion to serve an estimated 98,528 students in DC's traditional public schools and public charter schools.

Additionally, in the fall of 2021, we expect all public schools in Washington, DC to fully open for in-person learning, five days a week, with all educators back in the classroom.

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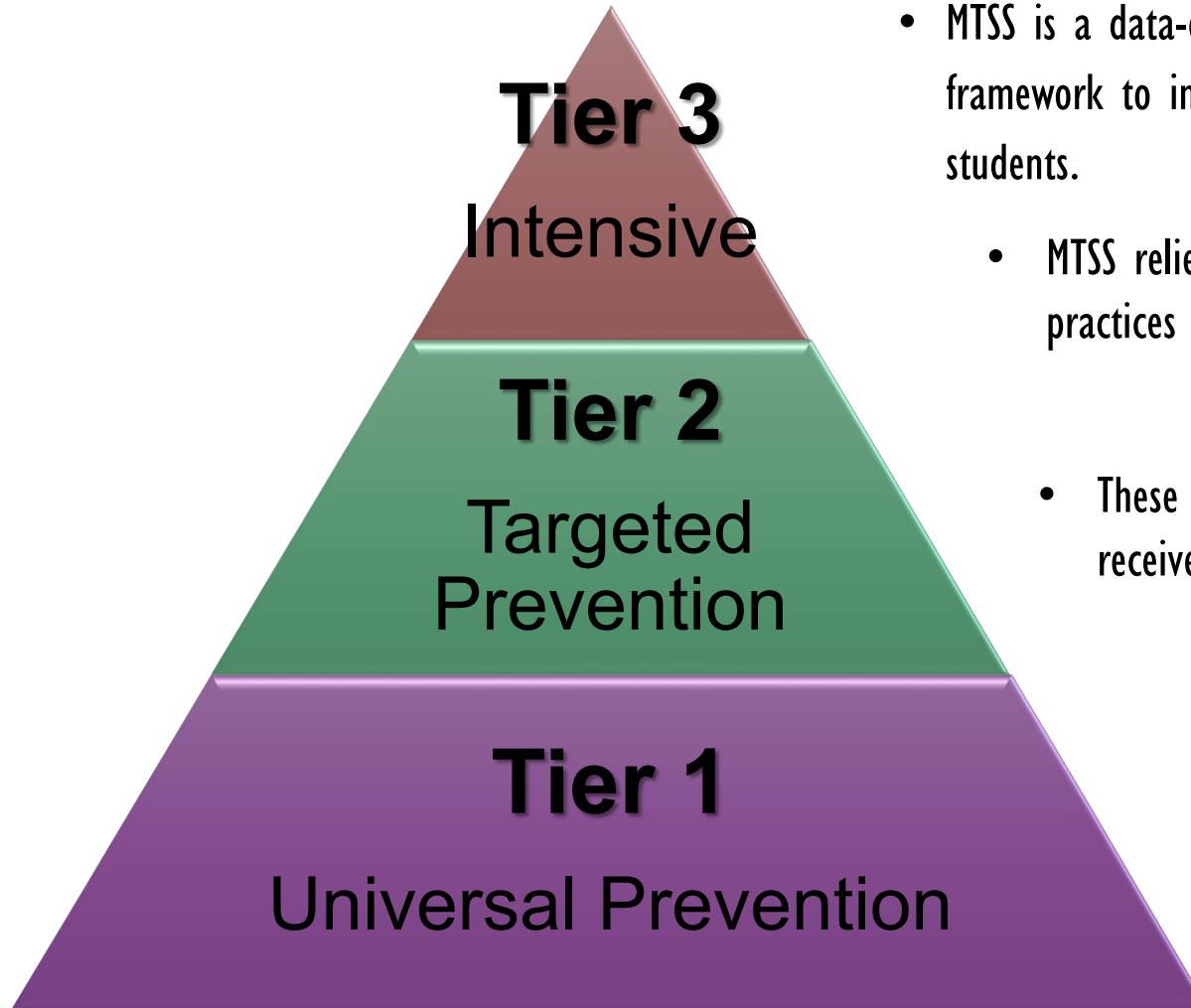
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The DC Comprehensive School Behavioral Health Model

- Is a coordinated behavioral health system designed to create a positive school culture that promotes mental wellness and provides timely access to high-quality services for children, youth, and their families.
- Is a comprehensive school behavioral health system, which is a strategic collaboration between school personnel, community mental health providers, students, and families.
- Allows school-based teams to offer a full array of trauma-informed, culturally-responsive, evidence-based tiered interventions to promote wellness, identify challenges

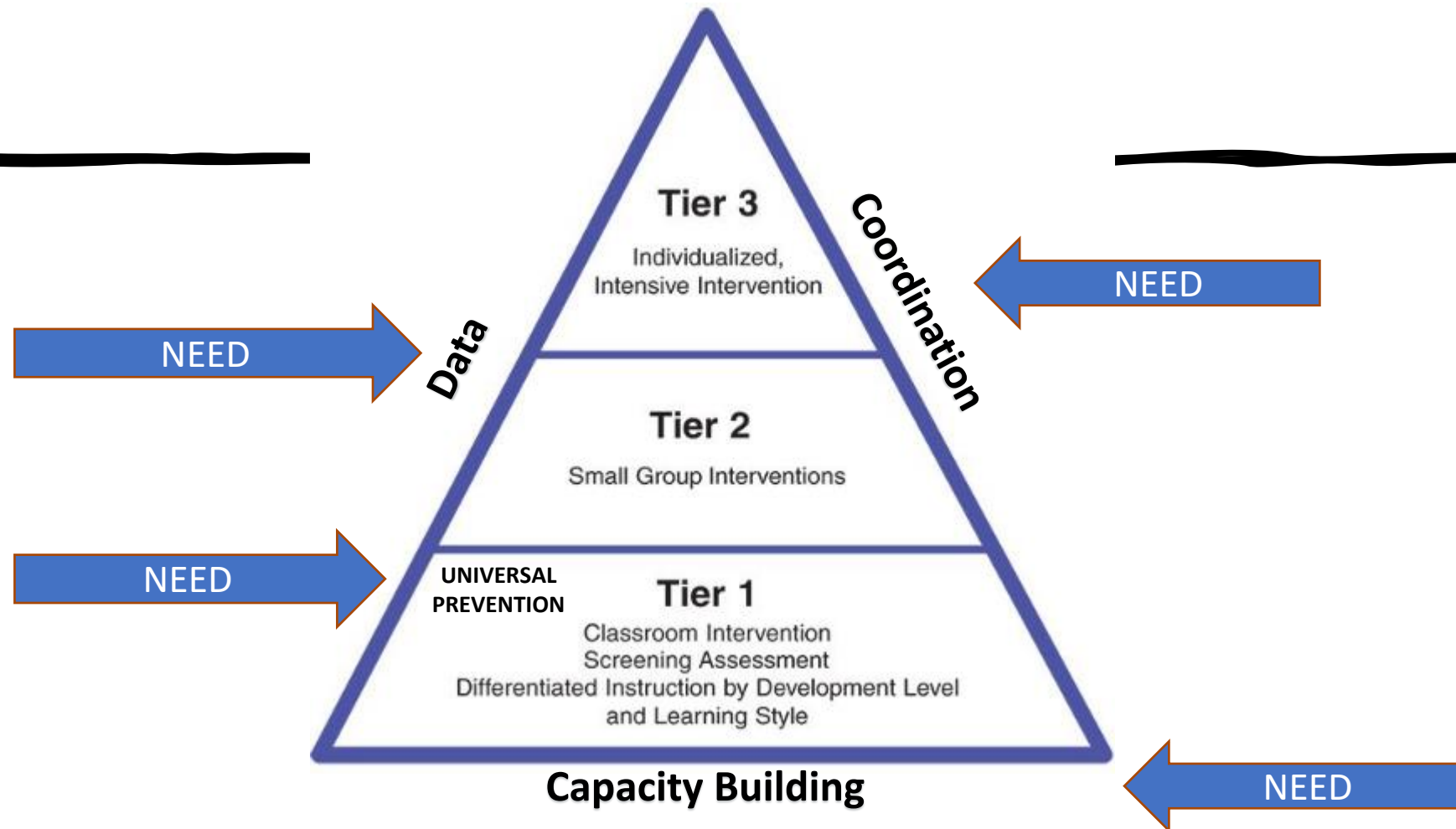
Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)



- MTSS is a data-driven, problem-solving framework to improve outcomes for all students.
 - MTSS relies on a continuum of evidence-based practices matched to student needs
- These tiers refer to levels of support students receive, not to students themselves.

From OSSE slides

Needs in the District



From GW CHHCS slides presented to the Coordinating Council for School-Based Behavioral

Planning Matrix

When

Planning
for
Return to
School

Reentry
and
Recovery

Target Group

Students

Educators
Parents
and
Families

Tier 1 – Supports

Mental,
Emotional,
and Social
Wellness

Positive
School
Climate

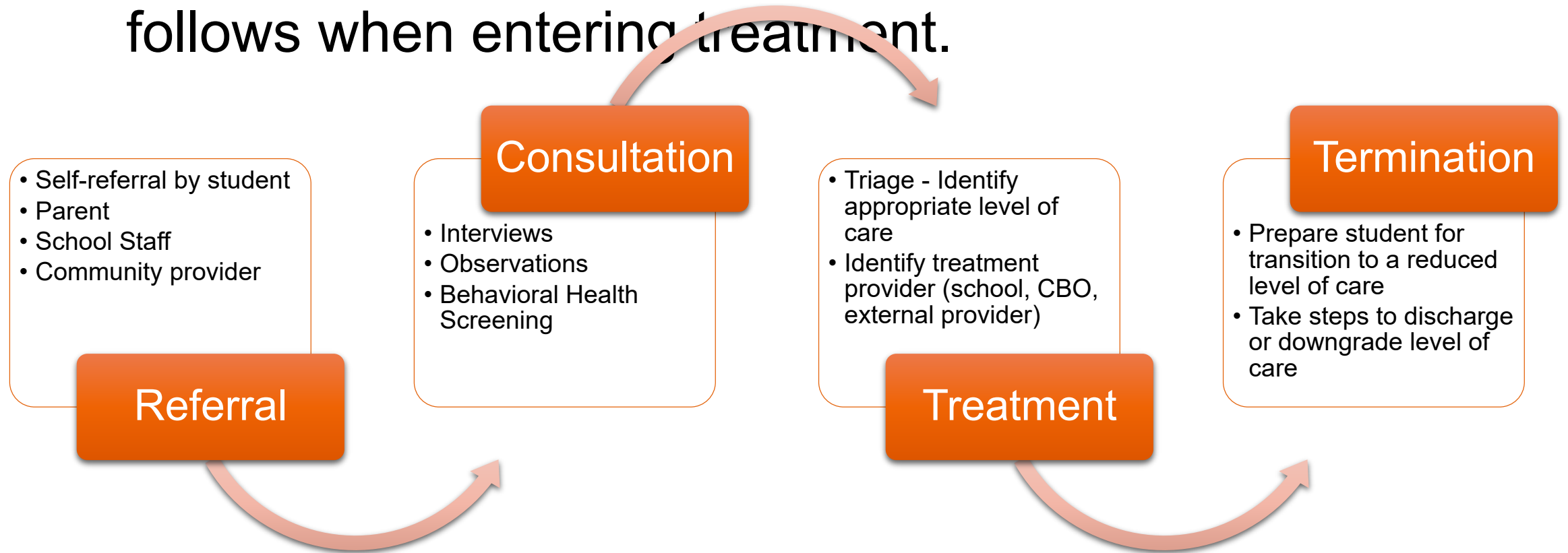
Social
Emotional
Learning

Data: Understand the baseline data to uncover needs of target groups

From OSSE s

Referral Pathway Process

- The route and coordinating timeline that a student follows when entering treatment.



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OUR DEEPEST FEAR
IS NOT THAT WE ARE INADEQUATE.
OUR DEEPEST FEAR IS THAT WE ARE
POWERFUL
BEYOND MEASURE.
IT IS OUR LIGHT
NOT OUR DARKNESS, THAT MOST
FRIGHTENS US. WE ASK OURSELVES,
"WHO AM I TO BE BRILLIANT,
GORGEOUS, TALENTED AND FABULOUS?"
ACTUALLY, WHO ARE YOU NOT TO BE? YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD;
**YOUR PLAYING SMALL
DOESN'T SERVE THE WORLD.**

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