

The Pre-Referral Process:

Procedures for Supporting Students with Academic and Behavioral Concerns

Use this outline to follow along with the module's main features. The blank "Notes" panels below each section are interactive and can be filled in using Adobe Acrobat. Otherwise, print this document and record your notes by hand.

Module Home

- **Module Description:** This module highlights the benefits of the pre-referral process—a preventative approach that can eliminate inappropriate referrals to special education—and outlines the six stages most commonly involved in its implementation (est. completion time: 1 hour).
- **STAR Legacy Cycle**
- **Related to This Module**
 - Link: Module Outline
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Challenge

- **Video:** Deborah Delatorre is new to Macy Middle School and new to teaching 5th graders. For the last twenty years, she taught 4th graders at a private elementary school, and this will be her first year teaching at a public school.

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Initial Thoughts

- What is the pre-referral process?
- What are the stages of the pre-referral process and what do they involve?

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Perspectives & Resources

❖ Module Objectives

- After completing the entire Perspectives & Resources section and reviewing the accompanying activities, you should be able to:
 - Understand the purpose of the pre-referral process
 - Recognize and be able to describe the six stages of the pre-referral process
- This IRIS Module aligns with the following licensure and program standards and topic areas...

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❖ Page 1: Overview of the Pre-Referral Process

- Definition of the pre-referral process
- Mr. Young further describes the pre-referral process as a.... [bullet points]
- Research Shows

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❖ Page 2: Goals and Benefits of the Pre-Referral Process

- Pre-referral uses a problem-solving team to help teachers find effective teaching strategies
- The pre-referral process boasts a number of benefits [bullet points]
- FYI

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❖ Page 3: Six Stages in the Pre-Referral Process

- The pre-referral process can typically be divided into six distinct stages (numbered list)

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❖ Page 4: Stage One: Initial Concern

- Definition of the first stage in the pre-referral process, initial concern
- Informal and Formal Concerns
- Warning signs [bullet points]
- Activity: What About Walker?
 - Link: Warning signs worksheet
 - Link: Warning signs worksheet answer key
- Pre-referral at Macy Middle School

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❖ Page 5: Stage Two: Information Gathering

- Definition of the second stage in the pre-referral process, information gathering
- It is important to collect information about... [bullet points]
- Sources of information [bullet points]
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❖ Page 6: Stage Three: Information Sharing and Team Discussion

- Definition of the third stage in the pre-referral process, information sharing and team discussion
- Link: The roster of a typical pre-referral team
- Keep in Mind
- Any forms used during this stage should include information about... [bullet points]
- The team might try to ascertain whether or not the concern is due to... [bullet points]
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❖ Page 7: Stage Four: Discussion of Possible Strategies

- Definition of the fourth stage in the pre-referral process, discussion of possible strategies
- Appropriate accommodations might entail recommendations for the... [bullet points]
- Keep in Mind
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 - Link: Pre-referral meeting notes

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❖ Page 8: Stage Five: Implementation and Monitoring of Strategies

- Definition of the fifth stage in the pre-referral process, implementation and monitoring of strategies
 - Link: curriculum-based measurement [definition]
- Link: behavior recording sheet [definition]
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❖ Page 9: Stage Six: Evaluation and Decision Making

- Definition of the sixth stage in the pre-referral process, evaluation and decision making
- Is the student making adequate progress in the classroom?
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❖ Page 10: References & Additional Resources

- Suggested module citation
- References
- Additional Resources

❖ Page 11: Credits

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Wrap Up

- Summary of the module
- Video: Don Compton overviews each of the pre-referral process's six stages
- Revisit your Initial Thoughts responses

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Assessment

- Complete the numbered questions. Please note that the IRIS Center does not collect your Assessment responses. If this is a course assignment, you should turn them in to your professor using whatever method he or she requires.

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