

Resource Guide for Educators





Bringing supportive student mental health tools to you

An alarming and rapidly growing number of children and adolescents struggle with mental health issues. Anxiety, depression, and stress are more prevalent than ever before, with record numbers of children and adults displaying clinical signs since the onslaught of COVID-19. There's an urgent need for mental health support and we're committed to making sure you've got the most reliable tools at your disposal.

Check out our new resource centre for the latest tools to support you and your students.

EXPLORE MORE

Featured Student Mental Health and Behaviour Tools







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Unlimited use of assessments addressing:

- Behaviour issues
- Social emotional learning
- Dyslexia
- ADHD
- Giftedness
- Intellectual disabilities
- SLD identification
- Speech and language impairments
- OT and PT support

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Fresh and featured for 2024

Our team has been hard at work developing new tools to lighten your workload and make it easier to stay connected to your students. We've also released updated editions of the tools you already know and trust. Dig into this guide to learn more about these new and soon-to-be released assessment tools for special educators!

Here's what's new...

















Here's how to use your guide effectively

STEP 1: Explore each section and get to know some of our experts! They will share their stories and guide you through addressing your students' needs.



STEP 2: Each accredited expert will share their story as it relates to their specialty and provide an outline to address that specific challenge using the **SCREEN** → **ASSESS** → **INTERVENE** → **MONITOR** assessment flow.

STEP 3: To help you develop a holistic approach to your students' unique needs, we've organized our collections across that same assessment flow. Explore the premier products we've highlighted for each topic.

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Need **reliable information** on your students' cognitive abilities?

Our tools can help determine eligibility and guide interventions!



Meet Kathleen Woodward

Assessing cognitive function and psychological processing is essential to identifying potential learning, intellectual, and other disabilities. When you're determining eligibility for Special Education services and developing an intervention plan, selecting and administering valid and reliable assessments is crucial.

As a practicing School Psychologist, I conducted evaluations that helped guide critical decisions—decisions that can, and often did, have a profound impact on the lives of the students and their families. Our multi-disciplinary team worked together to evaluate each student's strengths and needs, and administered the assessments that would help us make informed decisions.

I trust these tools to provide reliable data on a student's cognitive abilities such as processing speed, memory and storage, retrieval of information, reasoning, and problem solving. For more info on these and other cognitive ability tools, visit PearsonClinical.ca.

Please let us know if you have questions! Kathleen

Cognitive Function and Ability Tools

Screening

WASI-II

Raven's 2

KBIT-2 Revised

Diagnostic

DAS-II NU School-Age

KABC-II NU

WISC-V

WAIS-IV

WNV

WPPSI-IV

Additional Resources

- Cognitive Assessments
- Dyslexia Assessments
- Autism Assessments
- Gifted & Talented Assessments
- Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) Assessments

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Kathleen Woodward



A simple step-by-step approach to support student behaviour and well-being



Meet Chris Huzinec

Traditionally, supporting the mental health of students has focused on the identification, classification, and management of emotional and behavioural issues that negatively impact their learning. Today, these efforts have expanded to considering the well-being of all students. By proactively addressing the needs of all students, educators can integrate and align student well-being with the core goals of instruction and schooling. BASC-3, SSIS SEL, Brown EF/A, and **Review360** provide ways for educators to evaluate areas of need; identify social, emotional, and behavioural strengths; and to incorporate this information in their decision-making process.

Using a step-by-step approach can help support students on their journey forward



1. Identify all students' behavioural, social wellness, and executive functions strengths and areas of need using universal screeners such as BASC-3 BESS, Brown EF/A and SSIS SEL.



2. Follow up on students who are identified as "at risk" using a comprehensive set of rating scales such as in the BASC-3, which provide input from school, home, and the personal perspective from students to help determine their needs.



3. Use the information collected to guide interventions and supports. Many of our solutions are aligned with these assessments and screeners. They include interventions for specific behavioural and mental health issues, a proactive behavioural and emotional skill building guide for all students, and an SEL curriculum from the SSIS SEL that can proactively develop coping skills and resilience.



4. Use progress monitoring tools such as those included in **Review360** through Check-in/Check-out or individualized student support plans, or the SSIS SEL or **BASC-3 Flex Monitor** to track your students' improvements and overall well-being. This allows you to provide supports that best meet the needs of your students.



Behaviour & Social Wellness Toolkit -

Intervene Monitor Screen Assess **BASC-3 FLEX BASC-3 BESS** ABAS-3 BASC-3 Behavior Intervention Guide Monitor **BASC SWSS** BASC-3 TRS, BASC-3 Review360 Short Form PRS, SRP Behavioral and SSIS SEL Screening SIBS/SEBS **BASC-3 PRQ Emotional Skill** and Progress **Building Guide** BASC-3 SDH SSIS SEL Brief + Monitoring Scales Mental Health **BASC SWSS Student** Brown EF/A Scales Scales Skill Builder Conners 4 SSIS SEL Screening Review360 and Progress SSIS SEL SSIS SEH CIP **Monitoring Scales Rating Scales** SSIS SEH CIP T2 Vineland-3

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Chris Huzinec



Let's talk student mental health



Meet Selina Oliver

Some of the most important work I do as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist and school-based mental health professional is assisting schools and students struggling with mental health issues. Now, more than ever, there is a need for psychometrically strong early warning tools, as well as a continuum of tools to address escalating complexities.

Throughout the application of the Screen, Assess, Intervene, and Monitor process, we can help you develop safe learning environments. We are proud to provide products and tools that fit within a model that supports prevention, identification, preparedness, response, and recovery.

- 1. Screen with BYI-2: Five self-report inventories assess depression, anxiety, anger, disruptive behaviour, and self-concept.
- 2. Take a multi-dimensional approach with BASC-3. The BASC-3 provides a complete picture of a child's behaviour as required by IDEA and is also useful for developing FBAs, BIPs, and IEPs.
- 3. For a deeper understanding or if more disruptive psychological, social, or emotionally impairing behavior is suspected or observed, it can be better understood using the MMPI-A-RF.
 - The degree of severity of emotional and/or personality instability that impacts functioning can be further delineated using the M-PACI (9-12) or the **MACI-II** (13–18).
 - The MACI-II is particularly designed to identify more severe and entrenched psychological problems and offers an integrated view that synthesizes emerging personality styles. When digitally scoring with Q-global, these tools can also be instrumental in guiding interventions and monitoring progress by taking advantage of the built-in recommendations.
- **4.** Get real-time intervention recommendations and invaluable professional development with Review360, a web-based behaviour improvement system that benefits general and special ed teachers, students, and schools.

Selina

Student Mental Health Tools

BASC-3 MMPI-A-RF

BYI-2 MACI-II (13-18)

Brown EF/A Scales M-PACI (9-12)

D-REF





New!

Mental Health Resource Centre

Stop by our mental health hub and find tools you need to help tackle anxiety, depression, stress, and other mental health issues your students may be facing. We've got informative articles, the most commonly used tools, and timely resources to help you guide them toward brighter days.

Learn more at

PearsonClinical.ca/MentalHealth



Struggling student? Let's work together to find out why!

Academic difficulties may be a sign of something more.



Meet Liz Grose

They say "it takes a village" to raise a child. At critical times in a child's life, a school psychologist may have the privilege of collaborating with and leading that "village". That's why I became a school psychologist to foster a community of support to empower children to discover and reach their goals.

Screening and diagnosing learning difficulties is manageable with the right tools!

Valid and reliable assessment tools reveal the strengths and challenges your students face. Here are some common reasons to choose an achievement test:

- The student is not meeting the general education curriculum goals.
- The student's teachers or parents/caregivers have academic performance concerns.
- The student has had a change in status (medical/educational/environmental) and a baseline assessment process is warranted for intervention and curricular planning.
- A comprehensive evaluation to identify the student's pattern of strengths and needs, and to determine eligibility for services.
- A re-evaluation to measure the effectiveness of the student's individualized education program (IEP).

Standardized achievement measures—whether administered individually or at the class level—help you identify a student's academic strengths and weaknesses across skill areas. Then, evaluate growth on a periodic basis. Results are designed to inform next steps and a plan for intervention.

For comprehensive or more complex evaluations, standardized achievement tests are designed to be used alongside behavior, cognitive, intellectual functioning, and oral language assessments to provide a more in-depth diagnostic profile.

Whatever challenges are present, we've got the tools to help you respond to any referral question or concern.

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Literacy Toolkit

Assess Intervene Monitor Screen WriteToLearn Growth Scale PAL-II Reading WIAT-4 Values (GSVs) and Writing SPELL-Links KTEA-3 **Progress** KTEA-3 Brief (Letter Bridge of Vocabulary WRMT-III Monitoring & Word Recognition, **PAL Interventions Assistant** PAL-II Reading Reading Comprehension) KTEA-3 Intervention and Writing Review360 Statements WRAT5 (Word DASH-2 WIAT-4 Intervention Reading, Sentence Statements Comprehension) **PAL-II Reading** CELF-5 (Reading and Writing Revised and Writing) User Guide WRMT-III (6 subtests)

Math Toolkit -

| Screen | Assess | Intervene | Monitor |
|--|--|--|---|
| PAL-II Math KTEA-3 Brief (Math Computation, Math Concepts & Applications) WRAT5 (Math Computation) | WIAT-4 KTEA-3 KeyMath-3 Diagnostic Assessment PAL-II Math | KeyMath-3 Essential Resources PAL-II Math Revised User Guide Intervention Strategies KTEA-3 Intervention Statements WIAT-4 Intervention Statements | Growth Scale Values (GSVs) Progress Monitoring Assistant |

How do you know if your students are at risk for dyslexia?

Let's collaborate across disciplines and make measurable change!





Meet

Tina Eichstadt

My clinical career as a SLP started in acute care neuro and trauma, then I had four kids (one with epilepsy) and earned a front-row seat watching their brains tackle oral and written language. This mash-up of my two worlds, the groundswell of awareness in dyslexia, and finding examples of exceptional team-based success around the country get me out of bed every morning.

Screen



Assess



Intervene



Monitor



When identifying dyslexia and other written language disorders, education professionals have so much to offer the team.

- 1. We're trained to screen: We know how to "take a quick look" with the Shaywitz DyslexiaScreen, WIAT-4 Dyslexia Index, or KTEA-3 Dyslexia Index.
- 2. We're trained to assess: Our "eagle eyes" get to the bottom of what's happening and why. We cast a wide net with different assessments, for instance using **CELF-5** with the language measures of the WIAT-4.
- **3. We're trained to intervene:** For many of us, interventions make up the bulk of our day. We can plan interventions based on screening and assessment results, and teach core skills in written language. Great ones include Beery-VMI Teaching Materials, Bridge of Vocabulary 2, SPELL-Links to Reading & Writing, and WriteToLearn.
- 4. We're trained to show progress: Tools like aimswebPlus or **Review360 for SLPs** are a great way to simplify and streamline data gathering.

We'd love to hear how you make it easier! Tina

Dyslexia Toolkit

Monitor Intervene Screen Assess aimswebPlus aimswebPlus KTFA-3 PAL Interventions Comprehensive Review360 SPELL-Links to Dyslexia Index Form Reading & Writing scores from **Growth Scale Values** PAI-II the KTEA-3 and WriteToLearn (GSVs) WIAT-4 WIAT-4 **Progress Monitoring** KTEA-3 teaching KTEA-3 Brief Form WRMT-III objectives and Assistant intervention Shaywitz statements & DyslexiaScreen WIAT-4 intervention WRAT5 goal statements

Fresh and featured!

Shaywitz DyslexiaScreen**



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Tina Eichstadt

As the basis for learning, memory is a critical skill.

We have tools that measure multiple factors affecting memory.



Meet Daniella Maglione

Prior to joining Pearson, I spent 17 years working as a bilingual school psychologist assessing students who struggled with learning a second language, reading, math, or writing (or sometimes all of the above). What I learned over the years is that ALL learning takes place in a working memory environment, so it's essential that we include working memory as part of our evaluations.

There are many components of memory to assess in order to understand a student's learning difficulties.

- 1. Attention/Concentration: TEA-Ch2 measures all aspects of attention. **BASC-3** measures attention and executive functions.
- 2. Working Memory: WRAML3 measures both verbal and visual working memory as well as other components of memory.
- 3. Executive Functioning: Brown EF/A Scales lets you track a student's learning and demonstrates how they learn.
- 4. Learning and Remembering: WRAML3 assesses free recall, cued recall, and recognition.
- 5. Measure components of attention, learning, and memory with the NEPSY-II. Get to the bottom of learning ability with your new memory assessment tools! Daniella



Are **sensory and motor** challenges impacting your student's participation?

Use assessments to help implement accommodations.



From Melinda Cooper

We need to understand how sensory and motor needs in educational settings may present challenges for students to meet their academic expectations, and where these differences offer opportunity. Sensory and motor needs may change throughout a child's school journey. Having the right sensory and motor assessment tools is fundamental to support goal-setting, decision-making, accommodations, and measure progress.

The **PEDI-CAT** uses a top-down approach to provide a comprehensive view of a child's activity and participation to aid in goal setting.

Handwriting is a common reason for OT referral in school-based practice. Measure fine-motor and visual-motor-integration skills with the BOT-2 or Beery VMI to inform intervention, and utilize the **DASH** to support the use of accommodations such as assistive technology for written communication.

Using assessment tools such as the **Sensory Profile 2** and **PEDI-CAT** can help you determine how best to implement environmental and contextual accommodations and measure success.

Enjoy helping students with your new sensory and motor assessment tools! Melinda

| | Sensory/Motor Tools | | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | Adolescent/Adult Sensory Profile BOT-2 | PDMS-3 Sensory Profile 2 | | | | |
| i | Beery VMI DASH | SFA WRAVMA | | | | |
| | DASH 17+ MABC-3 | DASH-2 | | | | |
| | M-FUN PEDI-CAT | | | | | |

Work with babies & tiny tots?

Take a deeper dive into our world of early intervention tools!



Meet **Shelley Hughes**

Pearson's early intervention tools have been a big part of my personal life. As the mother of a daughter with complex needs and an OTR, the Bayley-III was one of the first assessments used to help her qualify for the necessary services at an early age. It didn't feel like an assessment, but more like quality play time with my child and a clinician. It made for a positive experience at a challenging time.

Pearson's early childhood tools help so many families on this journey. A typical example of an assessment flow similar to my own experience might include:



- 1. A screening assessment using the Bayley-4 Screening Test, CELF Preschool-3, or the Sensory Profile 2 Short Form
- **2.** A remote questionnaire sent to the caregiver to be completed prior to an appointment (for example the **Sensory Profile 2** and the **PEDI-CAT**)



3. An in-person assessment using a full **Bayley-4**, providing a chance for the clinician and caregiver to explore "together" what the child can do



4. An in-person assessment exploring language development using the PLS-5 and/or the PPVT-5 and EVT-3



5. Intervention sessions based on information provided during the assessments



6. Progress monitoring using measures built right into many of our tools

The information gathered in steps 1–6 can help determine school placement and ensure the right services are in place from the start. In my situation, the continuity of many of these tools through the school years has helped reduce unnecessary assessments and streamlined developmental and educational monitoring.

Thanks for all that you do for our little ones,

Shelley

Early Childhood Toolkit

| Screen | Assess | Intervene | Monitor |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Bayley-4 Screening Test BSRA-4 CCC-2 CELF Preschool-3 Screening Test DIAL-4 ESI-3 PEDI-CAT PLS-5 Screening Test Sensory Profile 2 Short Form | BASC-3 Bayley-4 BOEHM-3 BBCS-4:R CELF Preschool-3 PDMS-3 PEDI-CAT PLS-5 PPVT-5/EVT-3 Sensory Profile 2 Vineland-3 | Bridge of Vocabulary 2 Sensory Profile 2 Fresh and DIA Brace | 3 Early Screening Inventory |

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— Shelley Hughes



Building a bridge with MTSS

As we strive to help all students become successful learners, we not only see, but embrace the diversity in individual students. Whether you need to identify those who are at risk or need support, pinpoint strengths, and areas of need, implement interventions, or monitor progress, we have the tools to help—no matter how you define your Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) processes.

With students learning in a variety of settings — virtual, hybrid, and face-to-face instruction — educators are facing an enormous challenge in identifying student needs and providing effective evidence-based **interventions.** Research indicates having a comprehensive support structure is effective in student growth and with some additional guidance to help meet your students where they are and support their individual needs.

Recognizing that the MTSS "lens" looks different in every school and district, we are here to help you apply your unique framework (MTSS/RTI/PBIS) to help your students achieve success. Imagine looking at the whole child through the lens of your tiered systems of support for academic, behavior and social emotional learning... all while making data-driven decisions that ensure equity and inclusion for diverse learners.



What could success look like?

It all starts with aimswebPlus, the whole child lens that's right at your fingertips.

The aimswebPlus optional measures not only support the goals of your school/district, they will also help you support the students whose unique strengths and needs are waiting to be discovered.

Review360 with optional measures

Universal screening is a critical step in identifying students who are at risk for socialemotional and behavioural issues. Educators use the results to identify which students are at risk, discover the most appropriate next steps, and share the results with families.

We're here to support you.

No matter where you are in your MTSS implementation, we're here to help. Reach out to our customer experience team for support!

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