



**New York
State
2021-22
Funding
Process**



Welcome



- Shelley M. Sanyshyn, Co-Director Primary Project, Children's Institute, Rochester, NY
- Side kick Primary Project Co-Director Lynn Smith
- Level of understanding for the program?



Agenda



- Overview of the Primary Project program
- Application for Funds
- Timeline
- Support
- Questions

The Program



*Enhancing school-related competencies
and reducing school adjustment
difficulties – one child at a time*

Evidence-based

- Over 60 years young
- SEL package as a targeted prevention program
- Universal screening and evaluation

Program with parameters

- Helps with adjustment to learning
- Relationship based
- An early intervention program
 - early in age: K-3
 - early in onset of difficulty
 - (mild to moderate)

Not:

- for children with diagnosed difficulties
- tutoring
- mental health treatment or counseling

Core Components



1. Focus on young children
2. Systematic screening and selection
3. Use of individual in direct role
4. Changing role of mental health professional
5. On-going program evaluation
6. Integration

Core Component One



Focus on young children (choose to target grade levels in K-3) for short term

- Typically seen 12-15 weeks in a given cycle (fall & spring)
- One to one sessions typically 30-40 minutes in length for in-person
- 15 hours of CA time translates to approx. 24 students/year or 12 per cycle

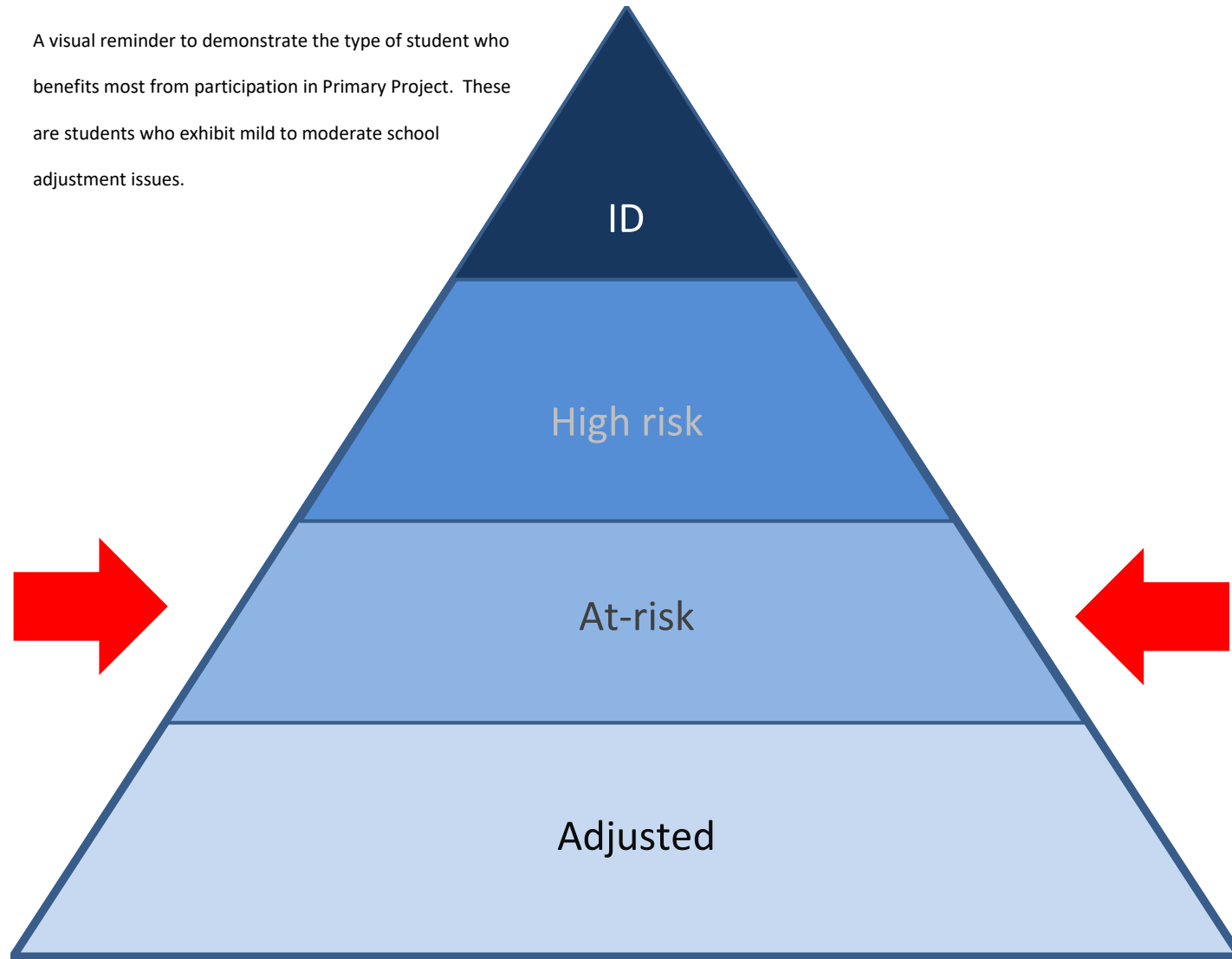
Focus on systematic screening and appropriate selection

- All children in targeted grades
- Four to six weeks into school year
- Multiple sources of information
 - ❖ Qualitative and quantitative data

Which Children?



A visual reminder to demonstrate the type of student who benefits most from participation in Primary Project. These are students who exhibit mild to moderate school adjustment issues.



Core Component Three



Use of Paraprofessionals in a Direct Service Role

- Empathic and understanding
- Adequate training
- Child led strategies used, NOT play therapy
- Ability to follow, flexibility

Core Component Four



Use of mental health professional as supervisor, consultant and leader

- Warm and caring
- Understanding of intervention, non-directive, child-led
- Listens, supports, and guides
- Weekly time for supervision
- Liaison to teachers and parents
- Gatekeeper
- Master's level degree in mental health field (counseling, social work, psychology)

Ongoing Program Evaluation

- Data (measures/instruments) collected via COMET (web-based data management system). Training available.
- Evaluation reports reviewed annually and shared with stakeholders.

Core Component Six



Integration into school and community

- Link with Rtl (behavioral)
- Continuum of care and support

Application for Funds



Key Points

- Anticipated maximum of \$15,000 per school available for up to two schools in a district (max \$30,000 in year one).
- Funding over a 3 year period, decrease in years two and three. For example awarded \$15,000 year one reduces to max request of 75% in year 2 (\$11,250) then in year 3 up to 50% of initial award (\$7,500)
- Maintenance of the same level of child associate time across grant period.

Application for Funds



Key Points continued

- Money cannot be used for programs in a school implementing the program during the 20-21 year or within last 3 years, funds are used to support new programs
- Sept/Oct 2021 start-up
 - Required introductory training for child associate/s, mental health supervisor, and project coordinator. Principal to attend the beginning portion of foundational training.
 - Required training for mental health supervisors only

Application process



Primary Project services with implementation to begin in September 2021

Applications are due March 12, 2021 by 5pm sent electronically.

Notification June 1, 2021

Awards



- Quality of application and available funding are factors that impact awards.



Application contents

- Website: <https://www.childrensinstitute.net/programs-and-services/primary-project/application-for-funds>
- Checklist (Appendix 1)
- Cover letter
- Face Page (Appendix 2)
- School Information Page (Appendix 3)
- Abstract and Narrative (Appendix 4)
- Resume of the mental health professional (supervisor)
- Budget (Appendix 5)
- Budget narrative (Appendix 6)
- Electronic Data Collection (COMET) Appendix 7
- Additional attachments may include:
 - *For community organization applicants, a letter from the partnering district*

Budget Suggestions:

- Child associate salaries, not professional salaries
- Screening and evaluation measures (varies)
- Primary Project resources one time fee per building
- Playroom Supplies (limit of \$500/building)
- Training (mandatory, no registration fee)
 - Sept/Oct 2021 : tentative location Rochester
 - Supervisor training – Fall 2021
- Other statewide training
- Travel expenses

Application for Funds contacts



For additional Primary Project information please visit our website at:

<https://www.childrensinstitute.net/programs-and-services/primary-project>

Thank You



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Thank You



We look forward to hearing from you.

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