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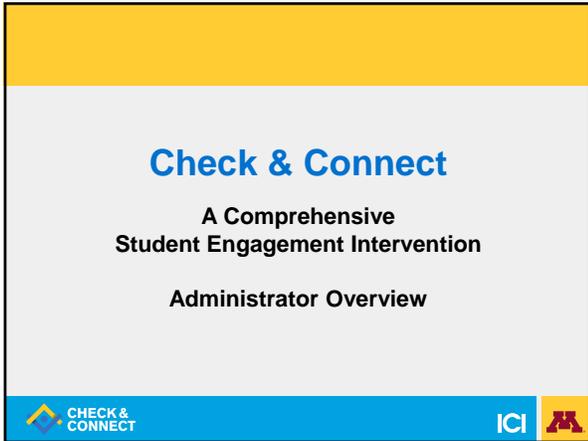
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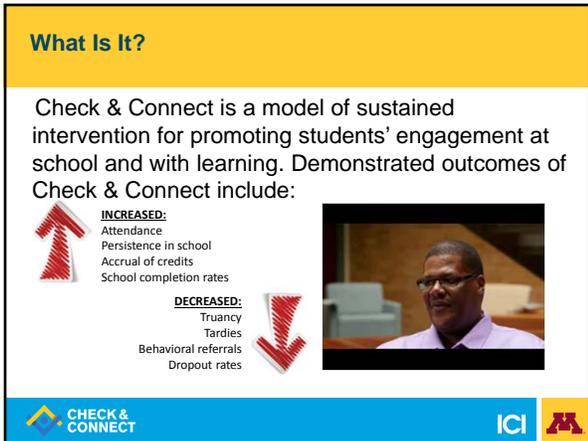
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## The Research Behind Check & Connect

- ✓ The Check & Connect model originated from a partnership of researchers, practitioners, parents, and students led by the Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota.
- ✓ Check & Connect is data-driven and grounded in research on resiliency and home-school collaboration.
- ✓ According to the What Works Clearinghouse, Check & Connect is the only dropout prevention intervention found to have positive effects on staying in school.



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## Core Elements

### Relationships

based on mutual trust and open communication in which the mentor: a. monitors or “checks” a student’s attendance, grades, behavior, etc.; b. “connects” a student to personalized, data-based interventions; c. mentors students for a minimum of two years; and d. facilitates student access to and participation in school.

### Problem Solving

and capacity building to help students overcome obstacles.

### Persistence Plus

a persistent source of motivation, familiarity with the youth and his/her family, and a consistent message that “education is important for your future.”



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## FAQs

### How does Check & Connect fit with existing initiatives (SW-PBS, RtI, etc.)?

Check & Connect is an intervention designed to complement universal strategies in your school. A guiding principle of Check & Connect is to use existing services in schools and communities whenever possible to enhance protective factors for the student/family and maximize scarce resources. Check & Connect, although designed as a stand-alone program, has also been used with Schoolwide Positive Behavior Support (SW-PBS), Response to Intervention (RtI), Early Warning, Credit Recovery, and other support models.



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## FAQs (cont.)

### In what grades is Check & Connect typically implemented?

Check & Connect can be used with K-12 students — students in elementary, middle, and high school. Research has found that Check & Connect can have an impact on literacy at the elementary level, and many researchers and educators have argued that addressing truancy at an early age is critical to later school success.



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## FAQs (cont.)

### Who can serve as Mentor?

- **Outside hire**
  - BA in education or human services related field or equivalent education and experience
  - Experience working with youth
- **Existing staff**
  - Teachers, case managers, counselors, school psychologists, social workers, educational assistants
- **Community volunteers**

Job description – page 32 in *Implementing with Fidelity*



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## Training

- **2 Day Comprehensive Training**
  - This training provides participants with a thorough overview of Check & Connect and its background; information about how to prepare their site to implement Check & Connect; and the information, competencies, and skills needed to be an effective Check & Connect mentor.
- **3-5 team members including Administrator, Check & Connect Coordinator, and Mentor(s)**
- **Follow up technical assistance provided**



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### Testimonials

- Teacher Testimonial  
<http://checkandconnect.umn.edu/videos/Teacher.mp4>
- Student Testimonial  
[http://checkandconnect.umn.edu/videos/Student2\\_2.mp4](http://checkandconnect.umn.edu/videos/Student2_2.mp4)



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### Contact Info

- Interested in learning more about Check & Connect? Contact your local RPDC to find your local certified Check & Connect Trainer:  
<http://pbissmissouri.org/leadership/personnel/>

OR

- Visit the Check & Connect website at:  
[www.checkandconnect.umn.edu](http://www.checkandconnect.umn.edu)



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