Response to Intervention (RTI) Techniques that Support Individualization in Early Childhood Classrooms

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Websites to check for more information:
http://www.eceducationblog.wordpress.com
www.teacherquicksource.com

RTI Information:
www.learninga-z.com/special/rti
www.rtinetwork.org/Learn/RTI-in-Pre-Kindergarten
www.recognitionandresponse.org
www.crtiec.org

Response to Intervention
- Originally began as a response to IDEA
  (a child’s response to intervention could help to determine disability)
- Standard Treatment Approach
  (Personnel increase intervention according to responses)
- Problem-Solving Approach
  (Response determines intervention)

Early Childhood RTI
- Uses Recognition & Response (R&R) framework.
  -Recognition involves screening and monitoring progress of all children
  -Response which provides effective core curriculum and instruction with effective assessments for support
  -collaboration of teachers, parents and specialists to make informed decisions
Three Tier Model for Early Childhood

Tier 1: Large/whole group
Tier 2: Small group
Tier 3: Individual

Essential Components of RTI for Early Childhood

- High quality classroom instruction
- Ongoing student assessment/progress monitoring
- Family involvement
- Tiered instruction and intervention

Elements of Tier 1

- Comprehensive curriculum and intentional teaching
- Screening, assessment and progress monitoring
- Baseline information about each child to determine the need for additional support
- Core standards and roadmap (based on child development; i.e., cognitive, language, social-emotional & motor)
- Tracking tools & progress monitor involving family

Elements of Tier 2

- Quality instruction
- Progress monitoring more frequently
- Problem-solving to refine interventions
- Parents and family included as part of problem-solving team

Elements of Tier 3:

- Interventions are more intensive and individualized
- Progress monitoring and collaborative problem-solving processes used as guides for decisions
- Can begin to determine learning disabilities