

Project Abstract

Project Title: Scaling and Testing an Effective Early Warning Intervention and Monitoring System (EWIMS)

Type of Grant Request: Mid-phase

Absolute Priorities: 1 (Moderate Evidence) and 2 (Field-Initiated Innovations—General)

Total Number of Students to be Served in the Project: 100,000

Grade Level(s) to be Served by Project: Grades 9 and 10

Definition of High-Need Students: Students at risk of not graduating on time.

Brief Project Description Including Project Activities: This grant focuses on implementing, testing, and refining a strategy to scale the *Early Warning Intervention and Monitoring System (EWIMS)*—a systematic approach to using data to identify students who are at risk of not graduating on time, assign students flagged as at risk to interventions, and monitor responses to intervention—in 120 urban, suburban, and rural schools serving high-need students in four states.

Summary of Project Objectives and Expected Outcomes:

- Implementation of EWIMS will improve academic outcomes—e.g., decreased early indicators of risk; increased persistence and progression in school; increased on-time graduation rates.
- The American Institutes for Research (AIR) and BrightBytes, Inc. will implement a strategy to scale designed to address past barriers to scaling and promote more efficient allocation of resources.
- Abt Associates, Inc. (Abt) will conduct an independent evaluation to test the impact of EWIMS and the strategy to scale on student outcomes (percentage of students at risk of not graduating on time, persistence and progress in school, on-time graduation).
- AIR will develop a network and infrastructure for continued scaling of EWIMS.

Any Special Project Features: AIR will implement EWIMS in two successive cohorts—an estimated 60 Cohort 1 schools (treatment) and 60 Cohort 2 schools (delayed-treatment).

List All Organizations Partnering with this Project: AIR, BrightBytes, Abt, in addition to the state and district partners: Illinois State Board of Education (Springfield Public Schools); Georgia Department of Education (Clayton County Public Schools); Mississippi Department of Education (George County School District, Hattiesburg Public School District, Moss Point School District), and South Carolina Department of Education (Charleston County School District).