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## 2015 MiBLSi State Conference

**March 17 & 18, 2015**

**9:00am – 3:30 pm**

**Crowne Plaza Lansing West**  
925 S. Creyts Rd.  
Lansing, MI 48917

[Registration](#)

**Register Early! Slots are limited.**  
**Registration Deadline:**  
**March 8, 2015**

**Registration Fee**  
\$50 registration fee covers both days!  
(*Light Breakfast and Lunch Included*)

**Hotel Information**  
Guest rooms at the discounted rate of \$114 plus tax have been set aside at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West until February 18, 2015. (After that date the discounted rate is based on availability.) Call 877.322.5544 and mention MiBLSi or use the group code: MIB

**State Continuing Clock Hours (SCECHs)**  
SCECHs are available (pending approval) for an additional charge of \$10/day. You must be on time and may not leave early to be eligible.

**Tuesday – March 17**

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

**Featuring**  
**Two – ½ day Keynote**  
**Presentations**

**Morning Keynote:**  
**Dave Tilly, Ph.D.**

**Nailing the Pendulum to the Wall-**  
**How to sustain Implementation Efforts**

**Afternoon Keynote:**  
**Dan Reschly, Ph.D.**

**Factors that Lead to State Gains**  
**in Student Outcomes**

**Wednesday-March 18**

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

**Featuring**  
**All Day In-Depth Strands**

**Register for the All Day Topic of your Choice**

- Tier 1 - Strengthening Literacy Instruction
- Tier 2 & 3 - Behavior
- Tier 3 - National Center for Intensive Intervention
- Data Coordination for Curriculum Based Reading Measures

*A more detailed description of each strand is available in the following pages*



## Michigan's Integrated Behavior & Learning Support Initiative's 2015 State Conference

**The 2015 MiBLSi State Conference** will focus on building capacity for implementation of an integrated behavior and academic Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) framework. Participants will hear from national experts along with MiBLSi project staff and local implementers.

### **\$50 - Single Registration Fee Covers Both Days**

**March 17, 2015** will provide you with two Keynote presentations!

- Morning Keynote Presentation by Dave Tilly, Ph.D.
- Afternoon Keynote Presentation by Dan Reschly, Ph.D.

**March 18, 2015** will allow you to participant in one, all day, in-depth strand of your choice. The day-long strands will focus on:

- Providing opportunities for building background knowledge
- Showcasing implementation examples from partnering districts
- Practicing coaching and training skills

**The all-day strands from which you may choose are:**

1. Tier 1 - Strengthening Literacy Instruction
2. Tier 2 & 3 - Behavior
3. Tier 3 - National Center for Intensive Intervention
4. Data Coordination for Curriculum Based Reading Measures

*All day strand descriptions begin on page 3*

**\$50 - Single Registration Fee Covers Both Days**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

9:00 am– 3:30 pm (Light breakfast and lunch included)

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**Morning Keynote Presentation**

**W. David Tilly III, Ph.D.**

**Nailing the Pendulum to the Wall –  
How to Sustain Implementation Efforts**



**Dr. Tilly will focus on factors that impact the sustainability of MTSS.** Too often in education, innovations come and go leaving teachers and leaders wondering if “this too shall pass” or thinking, “We have done this before.” This is commonly referred to as the pendulum swinging back and forth. To prevent the pendulum from swinging and instead. Focusing efforts on sustaining best practices requires supports across all levels of the educational system.

**Dr. Dave Tilly** currently serves as Deputy Director and Administrator of the Division of Learning and Results at the Iowa Department of Education. Prior to his appointment at the Department, Dr. Tilly served as Director of Innovation and Accountability for Heartland AEA 11. David is a school psychologist by training. He has worked as a practicing psychologist, a University trainer at Iowa State University, a state department of education consultant and an administrator. He works regularly with states, school districts, federal offices and national organizations on improving educational results for all children. He is also the author or coauthor

of 40 published journal articles, book chapters or books, mostly focused on education innovation, systems change and improving education results.

**Afternoon Keynote Presentation**

**Daniel Reschly, Ph.D.**

**Factors that Lead to State Gains in Student Outcomes**



**Dr. Reschly will focus on MTSS enhancement from state policy on reading and mathematics instruction and teacher preparation.** Participants will analyze 20 years of national and state NAEP data and relate state growth or decline in reading and mathematics to state curriculum and instruction policies and teacher preparation requirements. Problem solving activities on influencing state policy and teacher preparation will be emphasized.

**Dr. Dan Reschly** is Professor of Education and Psychology in Peabody College, Vanderbilt University where he Chaired Department of Special Education from 1998-2006, gaining the #1 national ranking for the first time in 2003. From 1975 to 1998 Dr. Reschly directed the Iowa State University School Psychology Program where he achieved the rank of Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Education. Dr. Reschly has published on response to intervention, reduction of special education disproportionality, identification of disabilities (high incidence, minority issues), and policy issues in special education. In 1999 Dr Reschly was listed in the top 5 school psychology career service contributions and in 2004 he was identified as the most

widely cited author in school psychology books and journals over 2002-2004 period.

**\$50 – Single Registration Fee Covers Both Days**

## **Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

### **All Day Strand Descriptions**

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***Please choose one all day, in-depth strand***  
*(You will indicate your selection upon registration)*

#### **1. Tier 1 - Strengthening Literacy Instruction - 9:00 am– 3:30 pm**

**Presenter:** Sonia Lewis, MiBLSi Content Specialist

**Intended Audience:**

Individuals who are interested in deepening their knowledge related to the evidence base that supports the Tier 1 Elementary Strengthening Reading content, including teachers, administrators, trainers, coaches, and MTSS Coordinators.

**Strand Description:**

Our focus for this day will be on Tier 1 Elementary Strengthening Reading Implementation. Throughout the day we will:

- Provide opportunity for building background knowledge
- Showcase an implementation example from a District Partner implementing Tier 1 Elementary Reading
- Practice related skills

#### **2. Tier 2 & 3- Behavior - 9:00 am– 3:30 pm**

**Presenter:** Susan Barrett, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports-Maryland Initiative

**Intended Audience:**

Individuals interested in deepening their knowledge of Tier 2 & 3 Behavior Supports including schools social workers, school psychologists, administrators, MTSS coordinators, and classroom teachers.

**Strand Description:**

The goal of Advanced Tiers (Tier 2/Tier 3) model is to ensure the timeliness and effectiveness of group and individualized interventions for ALL students needing additional support. Participants will be introduced to the core features of advanced tiers. Participants will also be introduced to ways integration is occurring with school mental health.

*Strand descriptions continue on following page...*

## Wednesday, March 18, 2015 All Day Strand Descriptions Cont...

### 3. Tier 3 - National Center for Intensive Intervention - 9:00 am– 3:30 pm

**Presenters:** Erica Lembke, Ph.D., Gail Chan, Ph.D. and Sarah Arden, M.A. from the National Center for Intensive Interventions

**Intended Audience:**

Individuals currently supporting Tier 3 academic and/or behavioral interventions including schools social workers, school psychologists, building administrators and trainers, coaches, and MTSS coordinators.

**Strand Description:**

This session will focus on Tier 3 Academic and Behavior Supports. Participants will learn about the work that the National Center on Intensive Intervention (NCII) is engaged in along with connections to other emerging projects. The session will include a review of resources and materials designed to support Tier 3 Academic and Behavior Supports as well as stories from current NCII district partners.

### 4. Data Coordination for Curriculum Based Reading Measures - 9 am– 3:30 pm

**Presenters:** Anna Harms, MiBLSi Evaluation and Research Coordinator; Pat Sorrelle, MiBLSi Measurement and Evaluation Specialist

**Intended Audience:**

Individuals who are actively in a role to support the use of Curriculum Based Measures (CBM) for reading, individuals who are part of a team that uses DMB reading data and Individuals wanting to know more about CBM and the data coordination role.

**Strand Description:**

This session will focus on how the role of a reading data coordinator can support schools' accurate use of one type of reading assessment, curriculum-based measures. Participants will deepen their understanding of the research supporting the use of CBM, leave with practical tools to support school teams, and hear from colleagues who function as reading data coordinators. (This session will not cover training on the administration and scoring of specific measures.)

**State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs)** will be available\* for an additional charge of \$10 each day. (Do not send SCECH payment with registration fee)

- Application only available upon check-in each morning. The application is no longer available once the program starts
- Participants must be on time and may not leave early to be eligible

*\*Pending Approval*



## Online Registration Information:

**Register Early!**

**Registration Deadline: March 8, 2015**

***\$50 single registration fee cover both days***

***Registration is limited and slots are filled on a first come basis.*** When registering for your all day strand, if your first choice is full, please register for another open session.

**Register online:** Go to the MiBLSi homepage at: <http://miblsi.cenmi.org> and click the link under MiBLSi Statewide Events.

Or use the following direct link:

**Registration**

**IMPORTANT:** Please make sure your correct email address is entered when registering. Registrants will receive an automated email confirmation. If you do not receive an email confirmation, you may not be properly registered or the email address entered is incorrect.

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## Payment Information:

Credit Card payments cannot be accepted.

**Checks should be made payable to: Kalamazoo RESA**

**Mail check made payable to Kalamazoo RESA.** For each person's registration that the check is written, please attach a copy of page 1 of their emailed confirmation that includes their name and district.

Mail check to:

MiBLSi/Nancy Centers  
State Conference Payment  
Kalamazoo RESA  
1819 E. Milham Ave.  
Portage, MI 49002

### Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be in writing to: [ncenters@kresa.org](mailto:ncenters@kresa.org). Phone cancellations will not be accepted. All cancellations received after March 11, 2015 will be charged the full registration amount. No refunds are given due to inclement weather. Please read a more detailed cancellation policy and our inclement weather policy [HERE](#).

### Substitutions

If you find that you are unable to attend the conference, you may send a substitute in your place. If there is a registration fee balance owed, the original registrant will be listed on the invoice to the district.

## MiBLSi State Conference Location

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