

A-State PBIS Resource Center News

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Events for March 2022

EVENTS IN
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SEARCH
Keyword

Summer Professional Development Opportunities at A-State!

- [June 7th](#) and [July 12th](#): Trauma-informed Practices in PBIS (1/2 day); Culturally Responsive Practices in PBIS (1/2 day)

- [June 8th](#) and [July 13th](#): PBIS Team Booster Training (full day)
- [June 9th](#) and [July 14th](#): PBIS in the Classroom (1/2 day); Check-in, Check-out Tier II Intervention (1/2 day)

February Arkansas PBIS Networking Session

When

Tuesday, Feb. 15th, 2:30-3:30pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

This is your chance to network with other amazing PBIS schools throughout our state. A-State PBIS Resource Center staff will be on hand to guide the discussion and provide FREE Coaching and Technical Assistance.

[Join us this month](#) for an opportunity to chat with fellow Arkansas PBIS implementers. This month our topic is cultural responsiveness. We would love to hear about your successes and challenges with ensuring an inclusive, safe, equitable environment for everyone at your school.

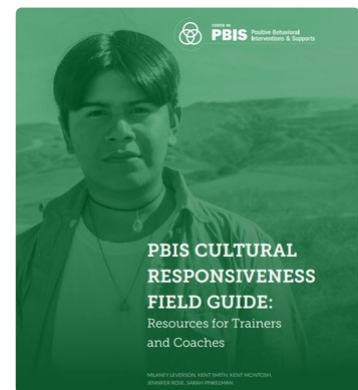
RSVP below to receive the Zoom link!

Cultural Responsiveness in PBIS

Schools want students to be engaged and successful! Having a positive school culture can help establish an effective school environment where the vast majority of students can succeed, not just students from the dominant culture.

The core components of cultural responsiveness in PBIS are:

- **Identity:** As educators, we must develop self-awareness of how aspects of our identity influence our practice and expectations for students' academic performance and behavior. It's also important to assist students in their own personal identity awareness, and to understand community identity.
- **Voice:** Provide meaningful opportunities for family, students, and community members to be heard, voice their opinions, and exercise leadership within the school system.
- **Supportive Environment:** Within a supportive school environment three conditions are present: (1) Staff hold themselves accountable for implementing school-wide systemic approaches to developing positive school climates; (2) Staff understand and view building quality student



teacher relationships and providing behavioral instruction as integral to their role as educators; and (3) Staff build systems and practices to reach a goal of all students in the building feeling cared for and valued.

- **Situational Appropriateness:** Situational appropriateness refers to behaviors that may be expected and acceptable in one setting (e.g., yelling and cheering for your team at a game), but can be unsuitable within a different context, or environment (e.g., a student who is yelling and cheering during academic group work in a classroom).
- **Data for Equity:** Systemizing data collection and review is critical to using data to address equity. Schools that are committed to delivery of equitable education for all kids are intentional about the ongoing collection and use of data for decision-making.

Some ideas for the classroom:

- Student voice and cultural themes can be incorporated into academic content and put on display.
- Cultural imaging also includes students seeing themselves, their work, and themes familiar to them on display daily and constantly in the classroom.
- Highlight different cultures in the classroom by having a variety of culturally specific reading materials available and on display. They should be developmentally appropriate and encompass various aspects of culture, including ethnicity, gender identity, sexual identity, and socioeconomic status.
- Ask students about behavior expectations at their home and in their neighborhood. For example, what does respect mean at home, in a store, at a friend's house, or at the park? Discuss why expectations may be different in school (what purpose they serve).

Join us on Feb. 10th from 9am - noon!

[How to Implement Culturally Responsive PBIS with Fidelity.](#)

[How to Implement ...](#)

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Black History Month

Three Great Ways To Observe Black History Month

1. **Visit a museum:** History comes alive in a nation's museums, and many of these institutions have events, conferences, and celebrations surrounding Black History Month. Get out there and see first-hand the American nation's collective historical treasures.
2. **Contact an elected official:** One of the best ways to get the ball rolling toward a better society is by contacting members of Congress. Ask them what they have planned for Black History Month and what specific legislative actions they plan to take to ensure that your community never backtracks in its pledge to provide opportunities for each and every person.
3. **Read, read, and read some more:** Libraries and bookstores — not to mention online repositories and booksellers — are positively overflowing with amazing works of Black literature, history, and

biography. Find a book about a piece of Black history that you were previously unaware of and get educated.



[Black History Mont...](#)

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Self-Care Calendar: Friendly February

ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else	4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with colleagues or friends	5 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a neighbour
8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for the good in people, even when they frustrate you	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Send a friendly message of support to a local business	14 Tell your loved ones why they are special to you
15 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	18 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	19 Share a video or message you find inspiring or helpful	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them
22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up" - Mark Twain

"The only way to have a friend is to be one" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

www.actionforhappiness.org

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/friendly-february

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Resources

[PBIS Cultural Responsiveness Field Guide](#)

[A-State PBIS Resource Center](#)

[National Center on PBIS](#)

[Random Acts of Kindness: 2022 Calendars](#)



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