

UPDATE:
Patterns of Strengths
and Weaknesses

Reauthorization of IDEIA 2004

- ❖ May not **Require** Severe Discrepancy
- ❖ California Piloted PSW in districts throughout the state (Ventura was one)
- ❖ PSW was authorized as an “alternative” method of eligibility

PSW in Santa Barbara County 2014-15

- ❖ Jarice Butterfield as SELPA Director organized a committee to study PSW
- ❖ New Handbook of SLD Eligibility by Committee of representatives of County Districts (facilitated by Jarice Butterfield and Stacy Tolkin)
- ❖ A cohort of school psychologists attended a training by Dr. Samuel Ortiz

2019
Survey of
County School
Psychologists

- ❖ 90 surveyed, 40 responded
- ❖ 31 Use PSW because-
 - ❖ Clearer language about **WHY** a student is having problems
 - ❖ Points to targeted interventions
 - ❖ Works well with MTSS

Survey Results Cont'd

- ❖ 33 Psychologists asked for more training in PSW because-
 - ❖ Psychologists seem to use it differently even in the same district
 - ❖ They need more specific guidelines
 - ❖ New Psychologists (since 2015) haven't had training
 - ❖ Essential updates have come out

2019-2020
PSW Ad Hoc
Committee
Results

- ❖ Importance of **Consistent Practice** within and across districts
- ❖ Clarification of **Practice Questions**
- ❖ Training needs to include **follow-up coaching** and **study** of PSW effectiveness for our SELPA

Training Proposal from Southern California Diagnostic Center

- ❖ Two Cohorts- 15 Psychologists each, September and January
- ❖ One day didactic training
- ❖ Followed by ongoing coaching using actual cases
- ❖ Pilot Study

Follow-up

- ❖ Make these a Pilot Study for the effectiveness of PSW in our SELPA
- ❖ Evaluation of results leading to revision as needed
- ❖ Creation of a new SLD Eligibility Procedural Manual

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- ❖ Questions?
- ❖ Comments?

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