We are more than a technology platform; we are true partners and trusted advisors to our districts.

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Professional Learning Catalog

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Branching Minds' mission is to empower all educators to effectively, efficiently, and equitably support their students' holistic needs, thereby creating a path to academic and personal success for every learner.

We understand...
- *that achieving system-level change will never hinge on a technology solution alone.*
- *how hard it is for educators to have all of the insight and guidance they need to understand each student's needs, support the whole learner, create targeted intervention plans, and then implement and document those plans.*
- *the challenge it is for school systems to support and coordinate all the moving parts of effective multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS).*

Succeeding in this work requires a **team effort** with ongoing communication, collaboration, and data sharing. We believe that by applying advancements in the learning sciences, academic research, and technology, in addition to targeted professional learning opportunities, we can help educators support their students across the many dimensions that impact learning.

We live out our mission by providing school systems with engaging professional development that **deepens educator practice** and **strengthens each component of infrastructure** needed to sustain an effective MTSS. To that end, we provide **synchronous training sessions** with educational consultants in both **virtual** and **onsite** settings as well as **asynchronous learning modules** via our MTSS Learning Hub. Each member of the Professional Learning team -- including our Branching Minds Educational Consultants -- has extensive experience leading MTSS and practicing a results-oriented coaching model. Our partnership with you is designed to hone your knowledge and skills in order to **achieve a high-fidelity MTSS**.

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Matched to your needs at each phase or stage of implementation, these professional learning sessions provide guidance via a three-phased approach that focuses on actively developing capacity to scale up MTSS innovations.

In these sessions, educational consultants work closely with district leadership to tailor the learning based on your unique use of the Branching Minds platform. While individuals from multiple schools will likely participate in these sessions, they are specially designed to meet these diverse needs.

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The Launch Series for School & District Leaders

Session Title	Description	Duration
Readiness for School and District Leaders	Engage with universal screening data in the Branching Minds platform to evaluate the health of MTSS across the district. Leave with a plan to collaborate with site-specific stakeholders to strengthen MTSS processes and practices at both the district level and the school level. Spend time building capacity for managing complex change, and establish appropriate goals for Branching Minds usage based on implementation science.	3 hours
From Readiness to Implementation for School and District Leaders*	This optional add-on session supports school and district leaders to engage in change management planning to ensure educators across the district buy-in to Branching Minds, recognize its value, and become its champions. The content helps close the gap between understanding how the Branching Minds platform can be used with how change needs to be carefully managed to achieve successful adoption.	3 hours
Implementation for School and District Leaders	School and district leaders review process fidelity data and engagement data through the implementation drivers to determine areas of success and opportunity with implementing MTSS and evidence-based practices and strategies. Implementation drivers include: leadership drivers, competency drivers, and organizational system drivers.	3 hours

* *Please note that this session is designed exclusively for individuals who have already participated in Readiness for School and District Leaders.*

The Launch Series for School MTSS Teams

Session Title	Description	Duration
Readiness for School MTSS Teams	School teams leverage implementation science principles to establish initial systems, data-focused decisions, and practices that will be required to implement MTSS at their schools. This preparation will allow these formal and informal leaders to support the widespread use of evidence-based programs and practices to support students and educators with equity at every implementation phase.	3 hours
From Readiness to Implementation for School MTSS Teams*	This optional add-on session supports school MTSS teams to engage in backwards planning for strong implementation of Branching Minds in their setting. The content helps close the gap between understanding how the Branching Minds platform can be used with how this will translate to specific school settings.	3 hours
Implementation for School MTSS Teams	Teams engage in continuous improvement driven by data. Teams collect and analyze data to diagnose problems or gaps and select strategies to address these challenges. Data indicates which strategies are most effective and should be included in educator's repertoire.	3 hours

* *Please note that this session is designed exclusively for individuals who have already participated in Readiness for School MTSS Teams.*

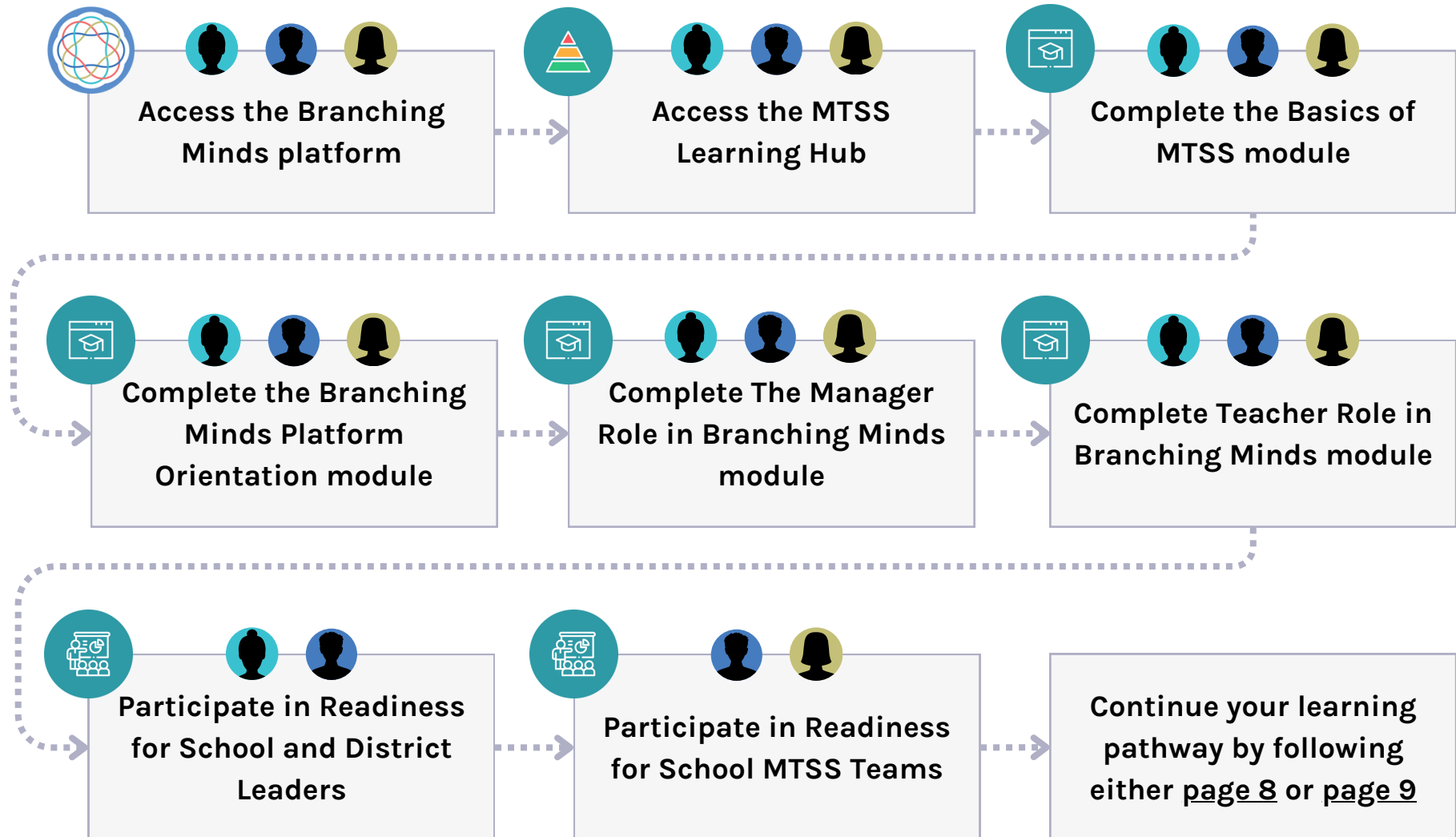# Branching Minds Learning Pathway for

District Leaders   **School Leaders**   **School MTSS Teams**   **Teachers**

Access the Branching Minds platform

Access the MTSS Learning Hub

Complete the Basics of MTSS module

Complete the Branching Minds Platform Orientation module

Complete The Manager Role in Branching Minds module

Complete Teacher Role in Branching Minds module

Participate in Readiness for School and District Leaders

Participate in Readiness for School MTSS Teams

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Complete the DESSA and Branching Minds module*

Complete the SRSS-IE and Branching Minds module*

Participate in Implementation for School and District Leaders

Participate in Implementation for School MTSS Teams

* Completion of these asynchronous modules are optional and will only be made available to educators in your district upon request.

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Branching Minds Learning Pathway for

👤 District Leaders 👤 School Leaders 👤 School MTSS Teams 👤 Teachers

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Complete the Basics of MTSS module

Participate in Comprehensive Support Plans that Work

Participate in Behavior Screening in Branching Minds

Participate in Implementation for School and District Leaders

Participate in Implementation for School MTSS Teams

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The MTSS Learning Hub

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Asynchronous Learning

Branching Minds offers all platform users access to our learning management system, the MTSS Learning Hub. Within the MTSS Learning Hub, educators gain access to on-demand professional learning modules to grow their MTSS and Branching Minds knowledge.

Branching Minds provides certificates of completion for all staff who complete asynchronous learning modules within the MTSS Learning Hub. Educators should work with their district to verify professional development credits available for this learning content.

| Learning Module	Learning Outcomes	Category
Basics of MTSS	Participants will understand the components of an effective MTSS framework; and visualize how an effective MTSS framework can lead to more equitable outcomes for learners.	MTSS
Branching Minds Platform Orientation*	Participants will learn how the Branching Minds platform can support them to ensure that educators in their setting can create intervention plans using school- or district-approved supports; have access to their learners and all their data; can feel confident in the accuracy of custom tags applied to learners; and are providing instruction that improves learner outcomes.	Platform
The Teacher Role in Branching Minds*	Participants will learn how the Branching Minds platform can support them to identify students that need support; create, implement, and adjust intervention plans; collaborate with colleagues; and communicate progress with families.	Platform
The Manager Role in Branching Minds*	Participants will learn how the Branching Minds platform can support them to ensure that educators in their setting can create intervention plans using school- or district-approved supports; have access to their learners and all their data; can feel confident in the accuracy of custom tags applied to learners; and are providing instruction that improves learner outcomes.	Platform

* *Branching Minds recommends that all individuals participating in consultant-led training complete these learning modules prior to their synchronous session.*

| Learning Module	Learning Outcomes	Category
The DESSA and Branching Minds	Participants will understand the purposes, formats, and intended uses of the DESSA; successfully administer the DESSA; and leverage data from the DESSA to support K-12 learners.	SEL & Behavioral Health
The SECA and Branching Minds	Participants will understand the purpose, format, and intended use of the SECA; successfully administer the SECA; and leverage data from the SECA to support learners in grades 5 through 12.	SEL & Behavioral Health

The Platform Configuration program described below is designed for district- and school-level employees who will lead the work with Branching Minds. It is, however, made available to all educators within the MTSS Learning Hub.
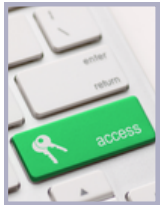
User Permissions
How do I give staff access to certain configuration settings in Branching Minds?
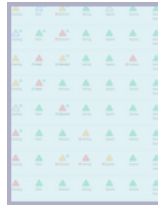
Tier Automation
How can I automatically assign students' performance to tier levels of support based on universal screening data?

Manual Associations
How do I ensure that educators in my setting can access data for the students with whom they work, but that aren't necessarily rostered to them?
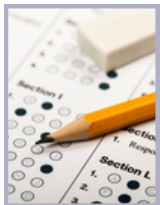
Assessment Library
How do I ensure that the list of assessments which appears for educators is in alignment with what is available and recommended within the school or district?
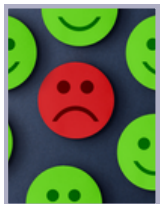
Support Library
How do I ensure that the list of interventions which appears for educators is in alignment with what is available and recommended within the school or district?

Behavior Progress Monitoring
How do I add, remove, or edit a behavior progress monitoring tool?

Behavior Incidents
How can I configure behavior incidents for the educators in my setting?

Services
How do I add Services options to my Branching Minds platform?

Family Communication Templates
How do I manage family communication templates for my school or district?

Student Forms
How do I manage student form templates for my school or district?

Testing Accommodations
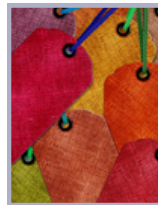How can I manage which testing accommodations are available for use in student profiles?

District Calendar
How can I ensure that educators in my setting don't receive notifications of items on their To Do lists during weeks where school is not in session?

Goal Bank
How can I provide a list of pre-determined goals for teachers to use in Branching Minds?

Custom Tags
How can I assign tags to multiple students at once via bulk upload?

The Deepening Practice Series

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The professional learning opportunities available in The Deepening Practice Series support educators at all levels to learn deeply about a specific Branching Minds topic. These sessions aim to weave best practices and application in the platform to ensure educators' success. These sessions are best scheduled following educators' successful engagement with at least part of The Launch Series.

Beyond Initial Learning

The Deepening Practice Series

Session Title	Description	Audience	Duration
Supporting Students at Risk for Dropout through MTSS and Branching Minds	Explore practical methodologies and data-driven insights available within Branching Minds for identifying, intervening, and monitoring progress for students at risk for dropout. Gain actionable strategies to foster student engagement, academic achievement, and attendance, ensuring every learner thrives.	Leaders + School MTSS Teams	3 hours
Reducing Disproportionate Representation in Special Education through MTSS and Branching Minds	Explore proactive strategies leveraging Branching Minds to identify, address, and mitigate factors contributing to overrepresentation in special education and promote equity, inclusion, and improved outcomes for all students in your educational community.	Leaders + School MTSS Teams	3 hours
Reducing Behavioral Disproportionality with Branching Minds	Explore innovative approaches in this session focusing on leveraging Branching Minds to tackle Tier 1 behavioral challenges while fostering positive Tier 2 and Tier 3 supports. Discover how these strategies effectively reduce representation in behavioral disability categories, promoting equity and inclusivity within your educational community.	Leaders + School MTSS Teams	3 hours
Planning for a PBIS System through Key Branching Minds Reports	Gain insights into leveraging Branching Minds' data reports to strategize and implement a robust PBIS framework. Learn how to analyze data effectively, identify behavioral trends, and tailor interventions for optimal outcomes, ensuring a positive and supportive learning environment for all student	Leaders + School MTSS Teams	3 hours

Session Title	Description	Audience	Duration
Understanding the Impact of Your MTSS through Key Data Points in Branching Minds	Gain invaluable insights into student progress, intervention effectiveness, and overall MTSS efficacy, empowering you to make informed decisions and drive positive outcomes in your setting. Session can be tailored for time-of-year specific data.	Leaders + School MTSS Teams	3 hours
Behavior Screening in Branching Minds*	Discover the basics of universal screening with Branching Minds, including a working definition, purpose, and available behavior measures. Learn how to collect, interpret, and use DESSA, SRSS-IE, and/or SECA data for systemwide improvement in the area of social-emotional behavior.	All	3 hours
Comprehensive Support Plans that Work: Social-Emotional Learning and Behavioral Health	Learn how to create a comprehensive support plan for SEL & Behavioral Health within the Branching Minds platform that includes an appropriate goal, intervention, and progress monitoring tool. Explore support plan data for analysis and take next steps by editing, adjusting, and ending support plans.	School MTSS Teams + Teachers	3 hours
Comprehensive Support Plans that Work: Academics	Learn how to create a comprehensive support plan for Academics within the Branching Minds platform that includes an appropriate goal, intervention, and progress monitoring tool. Explore support plan data for analysis and take next steps by editing, adjusting, and ending support plans.	School MTSS Teams + Teachers	3 hours

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The Deepening Practice Series

Session Title	Description	Audience	Duration
Planning and Monitoring Texas High Impact Tutoring Legislation with the Accelerated Learning Report	Tune into key features of the Accelerated Learning Report by uncovering the information it provides. Examine local student data using a Data Interpretation Tool designed specifically for this report.	Texas Leaders + Texas Teachers	3 hours
Using Branching Minds to Create an Effective Check-In Check-Out Program	Learn how to utilize Branching Minds to design personalized interventions, track student progress, and foster positive behavior management in educational settings.	Behavior Interventionists	3 hours

Coaching

Coaching sessions are personalized, just-in-time learning experiences that move the needle on adoption and reinforce effective practice. Designed to support teams with unique questions and advanced needs after initial training has occurred, each coaching session allows for a small group of educators to meet with an expert user to review data, dig into specific functionality, and ask detailed questions to maximize use of the platform.

Professional Services Managers engage with you to better understand your goals for the coaching session, and they match you with an expert who can meet those needs. The expert will always come to a coaching session knowing the topics in advance, and their role is to support your small group by connecting you with existing resources and answer your questions, walking through a report, or demonstrating a feature of the platform.

Coaching sessions are sold (and typically delivered) in 1-hour time blocks.

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Continuous Learning

The Foundations and Infrastructure Series

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The professional learning opportunities available in The Foundations and Infrastructure Series support school and district leaders to develop procedures, protocols, and communications that promote implementation of the MTSS framework. Throughout these offerings, leaders will reflect on questions such as:

- What is MTSS?
- Why do we want to practice MTSS?
- How will we practice MTSS?

In these sessions, educational consultants work closely with our district partners to understand and value previous work, ensure alignment between MTSS and any district strategic plans, and uncover stakeholder needs. Outcomes from the sessions include: deeper foundational knowledge of MTSS components, aligned and explicit protocols, procedures, clear roles and responsibilities, and the importance of communication to support the adoption of new practice.

Audience >>> *School & District Leaders*

The Foundations and Infrastructure Series

Session Title	Description	Duration
Infrastructure Coaching	Infrastructure Coaching allows leaders to examine all aspects of their Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), identify gaps and barriers to success, and collaboratively construct a blueprint to address the unique needs of all learners within a district. Receive structured coaching and professional development sessions designed to support your team with examining pedagogical practices to better align realities with expectations and developing a systemwide implementation and communication plan.	up to 24 hours °
Foundations of MTSS * ^	While many people have heard of MTSS, it's important to ensure that everyone is operating from the same purpose and working definition. In this session, spend time establishing shared understanding of the MTSS framework and its best practices so that you can begin to improve your current approach.	3 hours
Leading from Your MTSS Implementation Self-Evaluation Data *	Review the strengths and weaknesses of your current MTSS implementation. Identify priorities for improvements and explore Branching Minds resources to support your efforts through an examination of data from the Self-Assessment of MTSS Implementation (SAMI) or the Roots Report.	3 hours
Planning and Leading Effective MTSS Meetings	One of the biggest hurdles school systems have to overcome when shifting to MTSS is adjusting practices around planning, scheduling, and facilitating meetings. Learn about expert-level MTSS meeting facilitation, set goals for growth, and make plans to achieve more effective MTSS meetings.	3 hours

O   *Infrastructure Coaching may take fewer than 24 hours to complete the deliverables; the difference in hours is non-transferrable.*

✳   *Please note that this work is built into the Infrastructure Coaching option. As a result, this session should not be combined with a purchase of Infrastructure Coaching.*

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Session Title	Description	Duration
Progress Monitoring with Fidelity: Building Goal-Setting Norms and Data-Based Decision Rules *	Collaborate as a district-wide team to develop guidance for educators in setting appropriate goals when building comprehensive support plans for either Academic or SEL & Behavioral Health topics. Then, collaborate with your colleagues to develop goal attainment criteria and next steps based on learner data. Leave this session feeling prepared to provide consistent guidance to the educators in your setting when they request support in setting, evaluating, and taking action with progress monitoring goals.	3 hours
System Health Check: Audit and Analysis	A comprehensive review of your system-level data, providing detailed insights and recommendations. From identifying trends to uncovering areas for improvement, our analysis empowers you to make informed decisions and maximize the impact of your interventions.	N/A

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