Analyzing the efficacy of social-emotional education program INSIGHTS

Into Children's Temperaments

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Presentation Description:

This presentation examines the efficacy of the American social-emotional education program INSIGHTS

Into Children's Temperaments. It reviews relevant empirical research and evaluates the program's

strengths and weaknesses in order to determine whether or not it should be recommended for imple-

mentation in Canadian schools.

Abstract:

Individual differences in temperament have important implications for the social, emotional and aca-

demic development of students. This presentation reviews empirical research on the efficacy of the

American social-emotional education program INSIGHTS Into Children's Temperaments. As an early in-

tervention program, INSIGHTS seeks to use temperament-based strategies to support the academic and

social competence of K-2 students. A small scope of research on INSIGHTS' efficacy suggests that the

program may effectively increase academic competence as well as behavioural and attentional control,

and that students at risk for negative social and emotional outcomes may benefit the most. However,

these promising findings are mediated by concerns regarding their generalizability. This limitation means

that more research is needed before the program can be recommended for implementation in Canadian

schools.

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