

## About The Watson Institute

The Watson Institute, through its family of schools and services, helps children and youth with special needs to achieve their fullest potential in all aspects of their lives. Watson strives to provide programs that serve the needs of children with autism spectrum disorders, neurological impairments and serious emotional challenges.

Watson Institute's specialized services include:

- Behavior Support for Schools
- Education
- Training and Consultation
- Diagnostic Evaluations
- Psychological Evaluations
- Medication Management
- Outpatient Services
- Support Groups
- Summer Camp Programs
- Respite Services
- Wraparound Services

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## WIBSY Partnerships



UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

WIBSY staff completed two graduate courses through the University of Pittsburgh in the Department of Psychology in Education. The courses provided WIBSY staff with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide effective, high quality services.

## WIBSY

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## WIBSY The Watson Institute Behavioral Support for Youth

Providing supportive and consultative services to students, families and staff in the Pittsburgh Public Schools



# WIBSY

The Watson Institute Behavioral Support for Youth (WIBSY) program is a collaboration with Pittsburgh Public Schools, the Watson Institute and the University of Pittsburgh. The program was developed to provide supportive and consultative services to a selection of eleven schools in the Pittsburgh Public School District.

The goal of WIBSY is to introduce and develop the Positive Behavioral Support model in the Pittsburgh Public School District. Positive Behavioral Support (PBIS) is a multilevel approach for creating safe school environments. Grounded in a team-solving approach, WIBSY works collaboratively with school staff, administrators and district representatives to target school-wide concerns and develop plans to create safe and productive school environments.

WIBSY's mission is to support and encourage the development of *safe* and *positive* school environments.

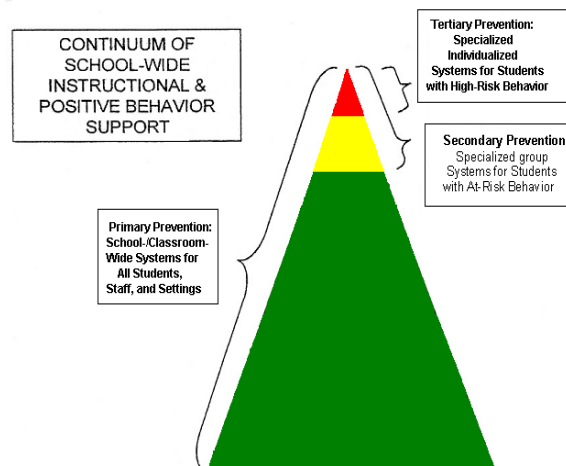
## WIBSY SCHOOLS

- Arlington ALA
- Faison
- Greenfield
- Manchester
- MLK ALA
- Miller
- Murray ALA
- Robert L. Vann
- Weil ALA
- Westwood
- AJ Rooney ALA

## PBIS Model

The Positive Behavioral Support (PBIS) model has been implemented in 7,000 schools throughout the United States. The ultimate goals of PBIS are to guide the following:

- Create positive school environments
- Create more positive interactions between staff and students
- Create school-wide disciplinary plans
- Increase instructional time
- Decrease time disciplining students



## Tiered Interventions

WIBSY staff collect Office Disciplinary Referrals to identify the students in need of additional support and areas in need of improvement.

## Services

Pittsburgh Public Schools adopted the PBIS model through a collaboration with The Watson Institute and the University of Pittsburgh. The WIBSY project provides an array of school-wide supportive and consultative services including:

- Working individually with students with challenging behaviors
- Facilitating social skill groups
- Daily check in/check out with moderate risk students
- School-wide evaluations
- Collection and assessment of all Office Discipline Referrals for reports and Discipline Committees
- Working with school administration to develop school-wide disciplinary plan
- Consultative and training supports for teachers
- District-wide orientation and training