

# eeRTImDirect™

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**The full-lifecycle solution for tracking,  
documenting, monitoring, and managing  
Response to Intervention and  
Academic Intervention Services**

**From the proven leader in web-based  
administrative software for educators**

# RTIm Direct – the full-lifecycle RTI software that can simplify and enhance the entire RTI process, save time, provide easy access to data, and support improved outcomes

Response to Intervention (RTI) / Academic Intervention Services (AIS) is a powerful approach to ensure struggling learners receive the intervention support they need. However, the burden of manually tracking, documenting, monitoring, and managing RTI throughout the process has long presented a formidable challenge.



Whether you are benchmarking assessment data... identifying struggling learners... assigning and managing tiers... creating intervention plans... monitoring progress... communicating with parents... or analyzing longitudinal data, a successful RTI model requires a comprehensive tracking and management system.

Fortunately, RTIm Direct harnesses both the power of the Internet and the experience of educators who have been leaders in developing administrative K-12 software for more than 24 years. The result is a genuine breakthrough solution that can simplify the entire RTI/AIS process, save time, provide easy access to data, and support improved outcomes.

Using RTIm Direct to track and manage your RTI/AIS model can help your school district:

- Support the implementation of RTI/AIS
- Improve student achievement
- Reduce special education referrals
- Save time and return time to teaching
- Reduce paperwork
- Improve collaboration and communications
- Enhance data-driven decision making
- Lower costs

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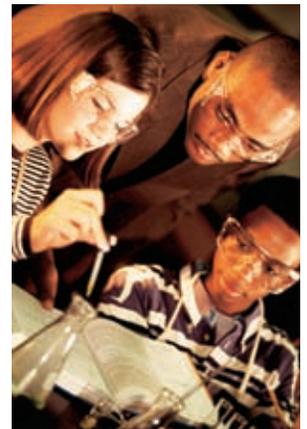
RTI/AIS. It is a comprehensive and user-friendly web-based system that will simplify and improve the implementation, management, and outcomes of RTI in your school.

If your school is just getting started with a RTI model or is seeking additional training, our staff of experienced trainers is available to provide optional professional development on best-practices for RTI.

Throughout each phase of the RTI/AIS management process, RTIm Direct makes the critical tasks of tracking, documenting, monitoring and managing easy...

## 1 Seamlessly Assess the Population and Aggregate Data

RTIm Direct is seamlessly compatible with any and all assessments / curriculum-based measurements. Unlike other systems, RTIm Direct does NOT dictate which assessments / curriculum-based measurements you must use. There are hundreds of widely available research-based assessments / curriculum-based measurement probes in all curriculum areas to choose from. With RTIm Direct, you have the flexibility to use whatever assessments / curriculum-based measurements you prefer.



All of your students' assessments / curriculum-based measurements results are easily imported in a batch into RTIm Direct with a click of the mouse or quickly entered individually with a few keystrokes. With RTIm Direct, there is NO need for costly, complex, and difficult-to-maintain handheld PDAs, pocket PCs, digital pens, or special materials.

## 2 Automatically Identify Struggling Learners and Assign Tiers

With RTIm Direct, you will save time and improve the accuracy of calculating cut-scores, identifying students in need of intervention, and assigning each student to the appropriate intervention tier.

Determining your assessment cut-scores is easy with RTIm Direct. The software accurately performs the entire statistical analysis, quickly generates a comprehensive and easy-to-understand report, and provides all the data necessary to determine your cut-scores. RTIm Direct also provides you with the flexibility to set cut-scores using national, state, district, classroom, or any other norms.

Identifying students who may need intervention services is an automated process with RTIm Direct. With a few clicks of the mouse, RTIm Direct instantly compares each individual student's assessment scores against the cut-scores, and flags for review those students who may need an intervention. This enables teachers and RTI teams to save time and focus on reviewing the needs of students instead of performing time-consuming statistical analysis.

Assigning students to specific RTI tiers is simplified and guided with RTIm Direct. For those students identified as needing intervention services, the system automatically suggests a specific intervention tier based on the cut-score and their individual assessment score. Teachers or RTI teams then have the flexibility to use their observations and additional data to move students into the RTI tier that they feel is most appropriate to each student's circumstance.



## 3 Save Time Developing High-Quality Interventions Plan

RTIm Direct saves time, reduces paperwork, improves collaboration, and enhances the quality of intervention plans. As a full-lifecycle product, RTIm Direct has an in-depth and user-friendly wizard which allows teachers and RTI teams to draft intervention plans online in an efficient and collaborative manner.

With RTIm Direct, teachers and RTI team members can efficiently draft high-quality intervention plans directly online for viewing, editing, and collaborating by all staff involved with a student. In



just a few minutes, authorized teachers or RTI team members can create high-quality intervention plans, using any computer with internet access.

RTIm Direct saves time by prompting the user for each element of the intervention plan and providing a library of optional and fully editable "starter text" and drop-down menu to assist users with the drafting of interventions. The district can customize, add, and/or delete "starter text" and drop-down menu items from the library for district-wide use.

RTIm Direct creates a comprehensive K-12 record of the student's entire intervention history. The current and historical intervention history of any student is available online for access by authorized users.

# The next steps... accurately tracking, documenting, monitoring, communicating and managing made easy with RTIm Direct

RTIm Direct does much more than automatically identify struggling learners, assign tiers and save time developing high quality intervention plans as described in the previous pages. It is a full-lifecycle solution which helps make each phase of the RTI process easier and more accurate, while improving quality and returning time to teaching. RTIm Direct helps you track, document, monitor and manage the rest of the RTI lifecycle by ...

## 4 Easily and Accurately Track Interventions

If your school district would like to make intervention activity tracking part of your RTI model, RTIm Direct eliminates the paperwork burden and saves time. With RTIm Direct, tracking intervention activities is as simple as a few mouse clicks and quick keyboard entries. Teachers can quickly and easily log the date and duration of the intervention session, and make notes regarding session activity and student observations directly online. At any time, teachers and RTI team



members can view each student's intervention session activities, log, and notes online.

As a company of educators, we understand the real-world time demands that teachers face.

We aim to simplify and streamline the entire RTI process. That's why RTIm Direct does NOT use complex,

costly, and difficult-to-maintain handheld PDAs, pocket PCs, or digital pens for tracking intervention activities. RTIm Direct is a true web-based application, which makes it simple and efficient, while delivering a comprehensive and powerful solution.



## 5 Accurate Progress Monitoring and Charting Made Easy

As a full-lifecycle RTI solution, RTIm Direct includes a comprehensive progress monitoring and charting module that saves time, improves accuracy, and puts critical data at your fingertips.

In keeping with our reputation for providing powerful yet flexible and user-friendly solutions, we designed RTIm Direct to offer seamless compatibility with any and all curriculum-based measurement probes / assessments. There are hundreds of widely available curriculum-based measurement probes / assessments to choose from, and the field is constantly evolving. With RTIm Direct, you have the flexibility to use whatever curriculum-based measurements / assessments you prefer, today and in the future.

Curriculum-based measurements / assessments used for progress monitoring can be imported easily in a batch into RTIm Direct with a click of the mouse or quickly entered individually with a few keystrokes.

RTIm Direct automatically creates charts which include target score, actual score, and estimated score. Separate charts for each intervention are displayed, together with the student's entire intervention plan and information, on a single scrollable page.

The system supports early intervention and helps save time by automatically calculating if a student is responsive to the intervention, while flagging students who are non-responsive. In this way, non-responsive

students can be identified for review by the teacher or RTI team, and the appropriate adjustments made as early as possible.

Moving students between RTI tiers is also easy with RTIm Direct. Each individual student's entire RTI information – including their assessment history, intervention plan, activity log and notes, progress monitoring data and charts, responsiveness status flags, and more – are all available on a single easy-to-read screen.

## 6 Convenient Parent Communication Tools

RTIm Direct includes a time-saving parent communications module as part of its RTI full-lifecycle solution. With a few clicks of the mouse, teachers and RTI team members can generate notices to all of their students as a batch or generate them individually. Everything from notices of assessments, to notices of services, to notices of discontinuance of services can be generated quickly and easily with RTIm Direct.

Even high-quality and comprehensive RTI progress reports can be created and produced rapidly with RTIm Direct. Progress-monitoring data in the system are automatically included on the progress reports.

All letters, notices, and reports are automatically personalized with student and parent contact information. RTIm Direct includes a comprehensive library of parent communication documents. School districts can customize the built-in library of letter, notice, and report templates, and add their own letters to the system.

## 7 Data, Reports and Analysis at Your Fingertips

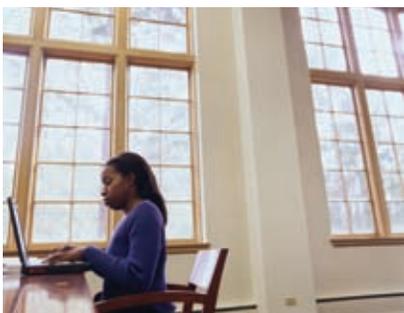
Data is a determining factor in the overall success of a RTI program. With the right data presented in a timely and coherent manner, teachers and RTI teams can make appropriate decisions which contribute to improved outcomes for struggling learners.

As a full-lifecycle RTI solution, RTIm Direct is a centralized database for all data related to RTI district wide. Data can quickly and easily be monitored and queried with a few keystrokes and mouse clicks.

With RTIm Direct, NO redundant data entry is required. You enter data into the system throughout the normal course of the RTI process as assessments are administered, tiers assigned, interventions selected, progress monitored, and modifications made. The system maintains a complete history of all RTI data.

RTIm Direct includes a fast and easy tool for generating administrative reports, queries, and listings. With just a few keystrokes and mouse clicks, the Listings Generator allows authorized users to design and produce highly customized ad-hoc reports and listings.

With a single mouse click, you can save listings for future use. Listings are generated on-demand from real-time data so you can be sure you are reviewing the most accurate and up-to-date information. The Listings Generator also includes a library of built-in reports and listings which have proven to help improve outcomes, increase efficiency, support best-practices, and enable data-driven management and accountability.



# Helping to ensure your success with... best-of-class implementation, training and help desk support

Centris Group delivers far more than a best-of-class software solution for tracking, documenting, monitoring and managing RTI. Our team of professional Trainers and Help Desk staff has a remarkable track record of success and customer satisfaction in smoothly implementing, training and supporting school districts of all sizes and types. They become an extension of your staff and are an integral part of the value we provide.

## Easy Implementation and Comprehensive Training

Centris Group has an unrivalled track record of success in helping districts to implement RTIm Direct swiftly and smoothly with our proven training programs. We employ an established and clearly defined training methodology which is modified to your schools' unique needs and culture, to ensure the rapid adoption and smooth implementation of RTIm Direct.

Our team of trainers are all former educators with in-depth knowledge of both RTI and the software. They have the unique combination of RTI expertise, product knowledge, technical competence, and teaching skills necessary to get your staff up and running in no time at all.

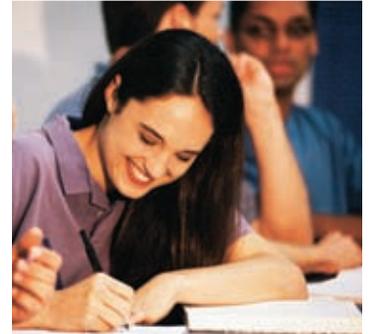
We provide training on the software in a number of different formats and sessions for your convenience, including online and/or onsite in your school district.

## Ongoing Professional Development

If your school is just getting started with RTI, Centris Group's staff of experienced trainers is available to provide optional professional development on best-practices, as well as a practical approach to the implementation of a RTI model.

For schools that are seeking to support or expand an existing RTI model, Centris Group's RTI professional development programs provide ongoing support and reinforcement of new skills.

The Centris Group RTI professional development programs provide teachers and RTI teams with the skills and confidence they need to implement the RTI process without adding undue burden to their already full academic



programs. And it provides administrators with the tools they need to effectively build and sustain a successful RTI program.

## Unlimited Help Desk Support

Our commitment to our customers extends far beyond providing implementation, training, and software. The superior ongoing support provided by our Help Desk assures your satisfaction with RTIm Direct each and every workday, from day one.

Our Help Desk staff knows education as well as RTIm Direct. The professionals who answer calls at our Help Desk are not only technical experts on RTIm Direct, but they also all have backgrounds in education. This experience helps ensure that they respond to your staff's questions with maximum effectiveness and efficiency.

All calls are answered by live staff. During business hours, you will be able to reach one of our Help Desk experts right away – without the use of voice mailboxes or annoying automated attendants. RTIm Direct includes UNLIMITED Help Desk support at NO extra charge.

## Unmatched Ease of Use

It's one thing for a software solution to offer a comprehensive set of powerful features. It's another for that software to be so easy to use that ordinary users – including educators lacking special computer skills – can take maximum advantage of those features virtually from the very first session. Well, RTIm Direct was developed and refined by education professionals who know firsthand the challenges our customers face.

Perhaps this is the most compelling reason why an overwhelming 98% of our customers reported in a recent customer satisfaction survey that they are satisfied with the ease of use that our products provide – and 98% also found our software easier to use than other software solutions available.

## Seamless Data Integration

Demographic data can be shared seamlessly between your district's general education student information system and RTIm Direct. Seamless and standardized demographic data sharing will allow your school district to streamline operations through more efficient information management and increased data accuracy.

So now instead of the labor-intensive and error-prone process of entering and updating hundreds or thousands of student demographic records into two systems, data can be integrated automatically between your general education student information systems and RTIm Direct. Our standards-based technology, Centris Sync, automatically checks for database changes between your general education student information system and RTIm Direct, and regularly sends any changes as appropriate.

Data can also be shared between RTIm Direct and your district's student information system through Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) compliance. The entire suite of software from Centris Group, including RTIm Direct, is fully SIF compliant.



## Centris Group: Leaders in Web-Based Solutions for Educators

Since its earliest beginnings in 1984, Centris Group has been dedicated to employing cutting-edge but reliable technology, while providing the highest levels of customer support to meet the needs of education professionals.

As a company of educators and technology professionals, we regard our work as much more than a business. The majority of our staff have professional backgrounds, expert credentials, and practical experience in understanding RTI models and Special Education. We really want to make a positive contribution to administrators, teachers, and service providers. Most of all, we have a passion for helping children succeed in school and life.



Our highly qualified staff has worked with thousands of school districts, and our backgrounds include: former Special Education Directors, Directors of Pupil Personnel, Assistant Superintendents, State Education Department Supervisors, State Education Department Regional Associates, Psychologists, and Teachers. This dedicated group of educators is complimented by a team of extremely talented technologists and experienced business people who specialize in developing best-of-class K-12 software and delivering the highest level of customer service available today.

As a result, our software is infused with proven, cutting-edge technology – and created with the unique insight into the needs of education professionals that only our seasoned team of fellow educators can possess. Our commitment to your success extends far beyond providing best-of-class software. Centris Group's implementation, training, professional development, and help desk support are critical components of our total service delivery to customers.

We are committed to meeting your needs, solving your problems, and forming lasting relationships with you.

## Key Benefits of RTIm Direct throughout the full-lifecycle of RTI

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### ***Assessing the Population and Aggregating Data:***

- Seamlessly compatible with any and all assessments/ curriculum-based measurements (CBMs)
- Assessment / CBM data can be automatically imported in a batch or entered individually

### ***Identifying Struggling Learners and Assigning Intervention Tiers:***

- Automatically performs a complete statistical analysis and provides all the data necessary to determine cut-scores
- Automatically identifies students who may need an intervention based upon the cut-scores
- Automatically suggests a specific intervention tier based on the cut-score and each student's individual assessment score
- Assures seamless compatibility with any and all assessments / CBMs

### ***Developing Student Interventions:***

- Guides staff through the process of creating a high-quality intervention plan in the least time possible
- Allows intervention plans to be drafted directly online for viewing, editing, and collaborating
- Provides a customizable library of optional and fully editable “starter text” to assist users with the drafting of interventions

### ***Providing and Tracking Interventions:***

- Allows the logging of intervention session date and duration to be recorded
- Enables notes regarding intervention session activity and student observations to be made quickly and easily
- Provides instant online access to each student's intervention session activities, log, and notes

### ***Monitoring Progress and Managing Tiers:***

- Automatically creates charts which include target score, actual score, and estimated score
- Automatically calculates if a student is responsive to the intervention, and flags students who are non-responsive
- Seamlessly compatible with any and all CBM probes / assessments
- Assessment / CBM data used for progress monitoring can be imported in a batch automatically or entered individually

### ***Communicating with Parents:***

- Generates parent notices quickly and easily as a batch or individually
- Produces high-quality and comprehensive RTI progress reports
- Includes a comprehensive library of customizable RTI parent communication documents
- Allows districts to add their own letters to the system

### ***Continuously Monitoring, Querying and Analyzing Data:***

- Allows data to be quickly and easily monitored and queried with a few keystrokes and mouse clicks
- Eliminates additional data entry - NO redundant data entry
- Maintains a complete history of all data
- Includes a fast and easy tool for generating administrative reports, queries, and listings
- Offers a library of built-in reports and listings

