Check & Connect is an evidence-based mentoring intervention for K-12 students who show warning signs of disengagement with school and who are at risk of dropping out. At the core of Check & Connect (C&C) is a trusting relationship between the student and a caring mentor who —

- **Builds a strong relationship** with students based on mutual trust and open communication focused on success at school and with learning.

- **Systematically “Checks” on students**, assessing their engagement with school and learning through close monitoring of their attendance, behavior, and grades.

- **“Connects” with students**, offering individualized intervention in partnership with school personnel, families, and community service providers.

- **Partners with parents/families**, functioning as a liaison between home and school and striving to build constructive family-school relationships.

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IMPLEMENTATION

Check & Connect (C&C) has been used by schools and organizations around the world to help students face challenges that influence academic success—at home, in school, and in the community. Over 1,000 professionals are trained each year in implementing C&C at the site, district, regional, and state level. The most successful sites weave C&C into existing universal interventions, such as PBIS or other multi-tiered systems of support, using C&C as the most intensive intervention.

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

Implementation Manual

Implementing with Fidelity is essential for C&C coordinators and mentors at your site. The manual walks you through the implementation process — outlining the key components, providing clear guidance on implementation steps, and presenting the underlying theories and research behind the model. It also contains the forms needed for referral, intake, monitoring student performance, program evaluation, fidelity self-assessment, and more.

Training & Consultation

Trainings are offered at your site or here in Minnesota. A suite of options are available, whether starting anew or scaling-up.

• Implementation Training
• Mentor Training
• Local Trainer Certification

In addition, we can provide on-site or remote consultation to help ensure implementation fidelity.

The C&C APP

With the new C&C APP you can more easily monitor students, report on outcomes, and ensure fidelity on a computer or tablet!

There’s an APP for that!

The new C&C APP helps mentors, coordinators and administrators monitor and report student progress. With the help of the C&C APP, you can —

• Keep students on track to graduate
• Save time in data entry & analysis
• Share visual trends in real time
• Enhance implementation fidelity
• Customize to suit your site

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