



Leading by Convening

Meeting to Co-Create Tools

Grounding Assumptions

Grounding assumptions are a group of statements that set forth the unifying beliefs as agreed upon by the involved stakeholders. These grounding assumptions serve as the foundation for collaborative efforts. Grounding assumptions address what people know and what they do. These statements are developed through discussion and consensus. Use this tool to develop your grounding assumptions.

We have provided some examples from our work that might help with your work.

Generate Statements of Agreement around	Example	Our Grounding Assumptions
Knowledge	<p>“Theoretical and knowledge bases for response-to-intervention frameworks are still developing and ideas will continue to evolve as implementation becomes more widespread and the growing knowledge and research base are made available for peer review.”</p> <p>—RTI Collection, IDEA Partnership</p>	

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Grounding Assumptions (continued)

Generate Statements of Agreement around:	Example	Our Grounding Assumptions
Perceptions	<p>“Success in college and career begins at birth.”</p> <p>—<i>Cradle to College and Career Collection, IDEA Partnership</i></p>	
Affective Behaviors	<p>“Feeling connected and supported in the school environment is a critical feature for students, parents and staff.”</p> <p>—<i>ASD Collection, IDEA Partnership</i></p> <p>“Reaching out to a broad range of stakeholders and making meetings and activities convenient for all who must attend.”</p> <p>—<i>Leading by Convening, IDEA Partnership</i></p>	

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Generate Statements of Agreement around:	Example	Our Grounding Assumptions
<p>Areas of Need or Need for Action</p>	<p>“All transitions across all levels and systems are critical and demand attention.” - <i>Cradle to College and Career Collection, IDEA Partnership</i></p> <p>“Implementation of a response-to-intervention framework may require some fundamental transformation of current elements that support school improvement.” - <i>RTI Collection, IDEA Partnership</i></p>	