



*Would you like more help to promote social skills and address challenging behaviors within your program? Join our pilot program!*



We know that the social, emotional, and behavioral needs of young children are at an all-time high. We also know this makes the work of early educators and care providers more difficult. The Pyramid Model for Supporting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children (Pyramid Model) is a framework designed to guide programs, educators and families to infuse strategies to support the development of social and emotional skills, while working to understand and address challenging behaviors.

MSDE and the UMB SSW are recruiting early care and education programs to join a small pilot group launching in January of 2023 to engage in program-wide implementation of the Pyramid Model.

This pilot is intended to demonstrate how going beyond training – and adding program-wide goal setting, fidelity observations and individualized coaching for educators and providers – can significantly improve the use of developmentally appropriate and socially/emotionally anchored practices. And when this happens challenging behaviors reduce, opportunities to teach social skills increase and staff stresses are reduced.

<i>What pilot programs get:</i>	1.5 years + of an assigned Pyramid Model Program Coach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support the Program Leadership Team in identification of goals, development of a work plan and review of data to monitor progress</li> <li>- Deliver training for all staff</li> <li>- Conduct observations using a fidelity measurement tool</li> <li>- Engage with educators in individualized coaching</li> </ul>
<i>What is asked of pilot programs:</i>	Commit to engaging in pilot activities for 1.5+ years, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All staff participate in initial training</li> <li>- Assigned Program Coach conducting in-person observations</li> <li>- Monthly Program Leadership Team meetings</li> <li>- Identified staff engage in regular, consistent coaching</li> <li>- Data collection</li> </ul>

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