





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The Exceptional Children Division and the Office of Early Learning are pleased to announce that the competitive grant application (EC - ESSER III KPM - PRC 190) for the 2023-2024 implementation of the [North Carolina Kindergarten Pyramid Model](#) (NC KPM) is now open in CCIP. The NC KPM will address the associated learning loss and recovery efforts related to COVID-19 by extending the successful outcomes of the NC Preschool Pyramid Model into kindergarten, particularly focused on young children disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. LEAs receiving low wealth supplemental funding, with low performing schools, and with active NC PPM projects will be prioritized. The application process closes on April 29, 2022, with notification to grantees occurring after State Board of Education approval.

The NC KPM provides a tiered instructional model to support positive behavior and social-emotional development for early learners, as part of the NC Multi-Tiered System of Support (NC MTSS). Both initiatives are frameworks whose critical components around data, systems, and practices are aligned and focused on targeted support for educators to build capacity for increased positive outcomes for all students. The initial implementation will target kindergarten teachers and provide training and coaching with the goals of improving child social emotional outcomes, reducing the use of harsh discipline, and increasing inclusive opportunities.

Additional information and resources can be found in CCIP. Office hours will be offered April 7th at 9:30 am (join [here](#)) and April 13th at 11:00 am (join [here](#)). Please reach out to Dawn Meskil (dawn.meskil@dpi.nc.gov) or Dan Tetreault (dan.tetreault@dpi.nc.gov) with questions.

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