

Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Updates

Dare to Lead for State Leadership Teams

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Based on the research of Dr. Brené Brown, Dare to Lead™ is an engaging professional development program designed to support leaders in fostering authenticity, understanding, and adaptability. This interactive two-day workshop, led by Certified Dare to Lead™ Facilitator Lacy Dicharry, offers Pyramid Model leaders practical strategies to use in their engagement with State Leadership Teams. Participants will develop four key leadership skill sets:

- Navigating Difficult Conversations – Approaching challenging discussions with openness and understanding.
- Clarifying Guiding Principles – Ensuring actions reflect what is most important on a personal and professional level.
- Strengthening Connections – Creating and maintaining strong, reliable relationships.
- Learning to Rise – Learning how to recover and grow from setbacks.

Leaders will explore the research, practice the skills, and apply tools to move from armored to daring Pyramid Model leadership. Participants will gain practical strategies to build confidence, clarity, and connection, and will receive a Certificate of Completion and Dare to Lead™ LinkedIn badge.

Registration is limited to two people per state leadership team. There is no fee to attend, however, all travel expenses are the responsibility of the participant. To register, fill out the [registration form](#). Visit the [Marriott Pyramid Model Leadership Event webpage](#) for hotel reservations.

