Pyramid Model for Promoting Social and Emotional Competence and Addressing Challenging Behavior

A Framework of Evidence-Based Practices

Nurturing and Responsive Relationships

- Foundation of the pyramid
- Essential to healthy social development
- Includes relationships with children, families and team members
High Quality Environments

- Inclusive early care and education environments
- Comprehensive system of curriculum, assessment, and program evaluation
- Environmental design, instructional materials, scheduling, child guidance, and teacher interactions that meet high quality practices as described by NAEYC and DEC

Targeted Social Emotional Supports

- Self-regulation, expressing and understanding emotions, problem solving, developing social relationships
- Explicit instruction
- Increased opportunities for instruction, practice, feedback
- Family partnerships
- Progress monitoring and data-based decision-making
Individualized Intensive Interventions

• Comprehensive interventions across all settings including home and community
• Assessment-based
• Collaborative team
• Skill-building

The Importance of Implementation Science

“The use of effective interventions without implementation strategies is like serum without a syringe; the cure is available but the delivery system is not.”

—Fixsen, Blase, Duda, Naoom, & Van Dyke, 2010
Leadership Team

Data Decision-Making Examining Implementation and Outcomes

Family Engagement

Program-Wide Expectations

Continuous Professional Development (classroom coaching)

Systems to Identify and Respond to Individual Child Needs

Supports for Pyramid Model Practice Implementation