The Pyramid Model is a framework for intentionally supporting the social emotional foundations of early learning. It is a tiered prevention and intervention model to prevent and address challenging behavior through evidence-based practices.



# Benefits of preventing & addressing challenging behavior

- Decreased risk of withdrawal, aggression, non-compliance, and disruption (Strain & Timm, 2001).
- Reduced risk for teen pregnancy, juvenile delinquency, and special education placement (Strain & Timm, 2001).
- Positive peer relationships including understanding of friendship, cooperation, and sharing (Denham & Burton, 1996).
- Increased self-control, self-monitoring, and self-correction and improved social-emotional health (Webster- Stratton, 1990).
- Supports academic success (Walker et al., 1998).

#### **Master Cadre**

**Designated Master Cadre** members will train and coach programs throughout Nevada to implement and sustain the Pyramid Model. There are currently 14 members located throughout the state.

#### **Contact Information**

To schedule training for your staff or learn more about the Nevada TACSEI Pyramid Model Partnership Program, please contact:

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#### **Important Websites**

Nevada TACSEI www.nvtacsei.com

TACSEI www.challengingbehaviors.org

Center on the Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu Nevada Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Interventions (TACSEI) Pyramid Model Partnership

## Training Modules



Our mission is to collaborate with families, community partners, and policy makers to create a sustainable, statewide system that promotes social emotional development in young children using the TACSEI Pyramid Model.

### **The Pyramid Model**

The Pyramid Model is based on the public health model of prevention and intervention.

Foundation (Yellow): At the base of the pyramid is the foundation where systems and policies are developed to ensure an effective workforce that is able to adopt and sustain evidence-based practices

**Tier 1 (Blue):** Universal supports for all children occur through nurturing and responsive relationships and high quality supportive environments. The behavioral needs of about 80% of children can be met here.

**Tier 2 (Green):** *Prevention through targeted social emotional strategies* is used to prevent problem behaviors. The behavioral needs of about 15% of children can be addressed here.

#### Tier 3 (Red): Individualized,

*intensive interventions* comprise the top of the pyramid, which is required for about 5% of children. The implementation of universal and preventative supports improves the capacity of programs to individualize intervention.

#### **Training Modules**

#### Module 1 (Tier I)

- Building Positive Relationships
- Creating Supportive Environments
- Schedules, Routines, and Transitions
- Teaching Classroom Expectations
- Using Positive Feedback and Encouragement

The trainings in Module 1 focus on initial strategies to the support children's social emotional development and to prevent challenging behaviors.

#### Module 2 (Tier 2)

- Teaching Social Emotional Skills: Why, When, How, and What
- Identifying Feelings in Self and Others
- Developing Friendship Skills
- Controlling Anger & Impulse
- Developing Problem Solving Skills

The trainings in Module 2 focus on teaching social emotional skills to young children, helping them understand their feelings, and providing opportunities for children to practice these skills.

Continuation training (Module 3-Tier 3) is available after completion of Module 1 and 2. Contact your local representative for further information.

#### **Family Workshop Series**

- six week series
- promotes children's social and emotional development in home and family setting

Trainings can be customized to meet your staff's needs and scheduled from one hour sessions to full-day workshops. There is no cost for the training.