**Nevada TACSEI Pyramid Model Partnership**

**Quarterly Update**

**October 2012 – December 2012**

**What our State Leadership Team has been doing:**

Our State Leadership Team continues to meet monthly and provides guidance for the Pyramid Model initiative throughout the state. We recently hired a Southern Nevada Regional Training Coordinator, Evaluation Coordinator and Parent Engagement Coordinator through funding provided by Nevada State Health Division Maternal Child Health.

**What our Master Cadre Members have been doing:**

Master Cadre Members who are Internal or External Coaches continue to provide training and technical assistance to help classroom staff implement the Pyramid Model in classrooms and with families.

Master Cadre Members who provide training about the Pyramid Model have been busy teaching others about the Pyramid Model and its practices. Our Southern Nevada Regional Training Coordinator, Maria Marinakis, has been on the job since the beginning of November. She has provided support for training activities in Southern Nevada and is sharing her expertise in social media marketing to help us increase the number of parents and early care and education staff that we are able to reach with information and training on the Pyramid Model.

The Train-the-Trainer workshop in Northern Nevada was completed on November 29th. We were able to add an additional 7 Nevada TACSEI Trainers/Coaches. Two of the Trainer/Coaches have already presented Pyramid Model trainings in December. We will be presenting Nevada TACSEI Coaches’ training workshops in Reno (videoconferenced in Elko) on February 7th and in Las Vegas on February 8th. These workshops are meant for new Nevada TACSEI Trainer/Coaches, Internal Coaches as new Implementation sites and as a refresher for current Nevada TACSEI Trainers/Coaches.

**What our Demonstration Sites have been doing:**

Our Demonstration Sites continue to implement the Pyramid Model, meet monthly, collect data, and make decisions based on that data. We currently have 5 model demonstration sites. These sites completed their fall data collection on October 26, 2012. Amanda Hearon, the new Nevada TACSEI Evaluation Coordinator is in the process of creating fall data reports to share with the demo sites and the leadership team. The table below shows how many classrooms are currently implementing the Pyramid Model in our model demonstration sites.

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| Model Demonstration Site | Number of classrooms |
| College of Southern Nevada ECE Lab School | 2 classrooms |
| Washoe Tribe Head Start | 5 classrooms |
| UNR- CFRC/NEIS | 1 classroom |
| WCSD – Pre-K | 1 classroom |
| Head Start of Northeastern Nevada | 2 classrooms |

In addition to model demonstration sites, our work continues with new sites that have completed all modules in the Pyramid Model and are preparing to become *Implementation sites*. These sites are in the process of completing a readiness checklist, building a site leadership team, and creating a data collection plan; Reno Sparks Indian Colony in Reno, Little People’s Head Start in Ely, Nevada and 12 Clark County School District classrooms located throughout the school district, one in each zone.

**Family Coaching**

Pyramid Model education opportunities for parents are occurring throughout the state. NEIS-Reno has a cohort of 5 developmental specialists who consistently meet on a monthly basis to share ideas for providing parents with support for preventing and addressing children’s challenging behaviors in the home. Diane Branson has completed one presentation in December through Washoe County School District Parent University. Two more presentations will be completed in March 2013, including one at the Family Homeless Shelter. NEIS-Las Vegas has begun embedding the Positive Solutions for Families curriculum during their developmental playgroups. Robin Kincaid, the Parent Engagement Coordinator is working with a Parent Engagement subcommittee to look for additional ideas for supporting parents.

**Trainings that have been conducted:**

We have conducted a total of 136 training events since our kick-off training in March of 2011. Since that first training, we have trained a total of 4,381 participants across the state of Nevada.

**Upcoming training opportunities:**

Upcoming trainings will be listed on the Nevada TACSEI website: [www.nvtacsei.com](http://www.nvtacsei.com). The website went live the middle of November. We are encouraging partner agencies to share the link to our website.

**Other:**

Training about the Pyramid Model is always available and can be tailored to meet a program’s needs