



Pyramid Plus News

Keeping you up-to-date on Pyramid Plus: The **Colorado Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion**

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Webinar

Announcement

Pyramid Plus uses the SpecialQuest approach to inclusion and invites you to join us in an overview of [SpecialQuest Birth-Five: Promoting Inclusive Practices in Early Childhood Settings](#) webinar on May 25th at 12 noon. [Click here](#) for free registration.



Challenging

Behavior Series

Did you know that the Pyramid Plus Center offers periodic webinars on how to effectively address challenging behaviors in young children? The first two webinars 'Understanding Behavior' and 'Managing Challenging Behaviors in Large Group

Summer Institute in Breckenridge

Are you interested in building on your Pyramid Model module training? Come join us July 13-16, 2010 for a four-day training to learn about intensive, individualized interventions for children with significant challenging behaviors as well as program-wide adoption of the Pyramid Model from national leaders in the field Glen Dunlap, Mary Louise Hemmeter, and Lise Fox.

This training will include specific adaptations for certification candidates and program/ community teams who are encouraged to come with others, including coaches, teachers and administrators. Pyramid Plus Center trainers will be conducting a Leadership Workshop and a TPOT Workshop for those going through certification. Previous Pyramid Model Module Training is a prerequisite for this conference. [Click here](#) for the [Summer Institute Fact Sheet](#) and [registration information](#).

Upcoming Pyramid Plus Module Trainings

Just Announced! **Pyramid Model preschool module training** will be held in Crested Butte, Colorado August 11-13, 2010. The content of the training reflects a commitment to promoting social emotional development in all young children but recognizes the need for more intensive interventions when children have significant social emotional needs and challenging behavior. The importance of working with families and building teams will be woven throughout four primary content areas related to supporting children's social emotional development. Trainers will focus attention on what will be needed for fidelity implementation of these practices. In addition, **Pyramid Model infant/toddler module training** will be held November 3-5, 2010 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. For information on these and other

Settings' can be accessed in the [Resource section](#) of our website at www.pyramidplus.org. On June 8, the topic will be 'Successful Classroom and Home Transitions that Reduce Challenging Behavior'. [Click here to register](#).

Joint Position

Endorsed

Pyramid Plus: The Colorado Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion endorses the [joint position of the Division for Early Childhood \(DEC\) and the National Association for Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)](#) national definition of inclusion as "the values, policies, and practices that support the right of every infant and young child and his or her family, regardless of ability, to participate in a broad range of activities and contexts as full members of families, communities, and society."

upcoming trainings, please visit our [training page](#).

2011 Certification Cadre

The Division of Child Care, the Division for Developmental Disabilities - Early Intervention Program, the Division of Behavioral Health and Pyramid Plus Center have developed a certification process for the high fidelity implementation of the Pyramid Plus Model in early care and education settings in Colorado. The technical assistance provided by the Pyramid Plus Center has the goal of supporting state, regional and local certified coaches and trainers of the Pyramid Model for Promoting Social and Emotional Development of Infants and Young Children (Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning – CSEFEL, and Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Interventions – TACSEI) and inclusion practices. We extend the invitation for you to apply to become a Pyramid Plus Certified Trainer in the 2011 certification phase. [Click here for prerequisite information and answers to frequently asked questions](#).

Purpose: Pyramid Plus certification for coaches and trainers is based on the belief that program implementation with fidelity to the Pyramid Plus Model is achieved with training and coaching that is effective and skill-based. Individuals who have demonstrated a complete mastery of the content included in the Pyramid Plus Model and who have met the requirements will be certified. This rigorous process will require candidates for certification to participate in multiple-day training events, develop their own professional development plans, participate in distance training events, submit videos of coaching and training, and submit consumer evaluations.

The goal of the Pyramid Plus Center is to increase the use of evidence-based, early childhood social emotional and inclusive practices in early care and education settings, including family child care and in-home providers.

For further information on Pyramid Plus: The Colorado Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion, visit our website at www.pyramidplus.org or email us at pyramidplus@ucdenver.edu.

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