



# Pyramid Plus News

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

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We look forward to providing you with updates on Pyramid Model and inclusion work in Colorado.



The Pyramid Plus Center works closely with its [State Policy Team](#) to plan for sustainability and scale-up of the Pyramid and SpecialQuest models and other evidenced-based practices to:

- Develop policies and resources needed to sustain current accomplishments and scale-up statewide
- Establish Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs) to advise the state team and Center
- Collect and

## Introducing Pyramid Plus

The Colorado Department of Human Services Division of Child Care, Division of Behavioral Health and the Division for Developmental Disabilities / Early Intervention Colorado are pleased to announce a statewide collaborative effort to promote the positive social emotional development of all infants and young children and the inclusion of children with disabilities in all early childhood settings. **Pyramid Plus: The Colorado Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion** has begun operations at the University of Colorado Denver, School of Education and Human Development, under the leadership of Dr. Barbara J. Smith.

## Goals of the Center

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, through the *high fidelity implementation* of two national models:

- [Pyramid Model for Promoting Social and Emotional Development of Infants and Young Children](#)
- [SpecialQuest Birth-Five Approach](#) to Early Childhood Inclusion
- as well as other related evidence-based practices

Check out [www.pyramidplus.org](http://www.pyramidplus.org) for more information on the Pyramid Plus Center.

## Pyramid Plus Certified Sites

The staff at Pyramid Plus are dedicated to program-wide implementation of high fidelity practices and have established a certification process for programs. This process offers intense support to programs to assist the roll out of high fidelity practices, capacity building and sustainability throughout programs and their communities. Pyramid Plus is pleased to announce four program sites

translate data for policy and program improvement

- Engage in public relations and awareness
- Collaborate with and build on other initiatives



Pyramid Plus will be certifying trainers and coaches throughout Colorado in order to ensure high fidelity implementation of the Pyramid Model and SpecialQuest approach. 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.

that are candidates for certification: Creative Options in Aurora, Fremont County Head Start in Canon City, Primetime Early Learning Center/Norwood Preschool in Norwood, and Bal Swan Children's Center in Broomfield, as well as one community site - the Community of Pueblo. These candidate sites were selected based on their commitments to practicing inclusion and promoting social emotional development using the Pyramid Model throughout their programs. We are very excited to work with such high quality programs and look forward to providing classroom tours once certified.

## Training and Technical Assistance

The Pyramid Plus Center will be offering a number of trainings across Colorado, including module trainings and child care trainings offered through local Resource and Referral agencies. Save the date for an August Pyramid Model preschool module training in Crested Butte, and a November Pyramid Model infant/toddler module training in Colorado Springs. We will also offer an online webinar on March 31 on Understanding Challenging Behavior. Check our [training page](#) for more information and for registration information coming soon.

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