



Program-Wide Early Childhood Pyramid Model Implementation Academy (EC-PBIS)

June 4-6, 2013

Holiday Inn, Kearney Nebraska

*For Teams Representing Preschool Programs
in School Districts, Head Starts and Their Community Partners*

OVERVIEW

The Nebraska Department of Education is hosting an intensive Implementation Academy for district or program-level teams who are interested in implementing the Pyramid Model (EC-PBIS) in preschool programs. This model provides the conceptual framework of evidence-based practices for promoting young children's social-emotional competence and preventing and addressing challenging behavior.

The Academy is the kick-off event for district/program teams to begin a 2-3 year process of Pyramid training and coaching for early childhood teachers, administrators and staff in their preschool programs. Program-wide implementation of the Pyramid Model requires an extensive commitment to a systems-change effort and strong leadership from locally-developed leadership teams. The leadership team is responsible for determining the areas of emphases and implementation steps for adoption, ongoing evaluation, data-based decision-making, professional development, family partnerships, and guiding program practices and policies.

The Academy will provide training and materials needed to support program-wide implementation and sustainability over time. Please note: Large school districts may choose to implement the Pyramid Model in a selected number of classrooms or in a specific building to begin program-wide phase-in.

ACADEMY

The Pyramid Model Implementation Academy is a 3-day intensive training that includes content on program-wide adoption, training and coaching of staff, and team-based facilitation and planning. The purpose of the Academy is to build capacity of teams to guide the implementation of the Pyramid Model within preschool programs and classrooms. The goals of the Academy are:

- Teams will understand the steps and have the resources to guide full program-wide implementation of the Pyramid Model
- Teams will leave with an implementation plan for program-wide adoption and guidance/ tools for evaluating and using data-based decision-making for program-wide implementation
- An external Pyramid trainer/coach for each school district team will be provided and funded by NDE. If a Head Start agency participates as a stand-alone program, the Head Start agency will be responsible to provide funding to support the assigned external trainer/coach. The external trainer/coach will participate with their assigned team in the Academy, and will provide on-site Pyramid training, coaching and leadership team development in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

TEAM MEMBERSHIP

- School district teams and Head Start teams, with possible community preschool partners, make up the teams. Up to 10 teams will be selected to participate, with five to eight members per team. Members attending are required to represent the following roles on their implementation team:
 - Administrator/program supervisor who can set policy, allocate funds and define staff roles;
 - Early childhood teacher;
 - Early childhood special education teacher (for school district teams);
 - School psychologist, behavior specialist or mental health consultant who is skilled in guiding the development of behavior support plans for children with persistent challenging behavior;
 - Staff member who will coordinate site-based data collection and evaluation activities; and
 - Other team members may include:
 - ✓ Para-educator
 - ✓ Parent
 - ✓ Related service provider (PT, OT, SLP)
 - ✓ Other
- Please note: One team member may represent multiple roles on the team.

To be eligible to attend, selected teams must agree to:

- Attend as a whole team,
- Participate in the entire Academy, and
- Participate in an April webinar (date TBD by selected teams)

COST TO ATTEND ACADEMY

NDE will provide registration, Academy training and all materials for participating teams. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided each day. Participants are responsible for travel, evening meals and lodging.

ACADEMY APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicant teams are required to complete the Application agreement (attached) and submit via email, fax or US mail. Send completed application to:

Linda Bray

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6949 South 110 St

Omaha NE 68128-5722

Email: linda.bray@nebraska.gov

Fax: 402-557-6890

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 8, 2013

NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION: Friday, March 15, 2013

SELECTION PROCESS

Upon receipt of district or program applications, the Pyramid Model State Leadership Team will review applicant responses, membership, and eligibility requirements. Up to ten teams will be accepted to participate in the Implementation Academy and all applicants will be notified of acceptance decisions by **March 15, 2013**. Accepted teams will then be given further information about participation in a team webinar in April, and logistical information about preparation for the Academy.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact:

Jan Thelen, NDE Office of Special Education

Email: jan.thelen@nebraska.gov

Phone: 402-471-4319

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PYRAMID MODEL, please click on these links

Presentations:

http://www.challengingbehavior.org/explore/camtasia/pyramid_overview/pyramid_overview_captions.html

http://www.challengingbehavior.org/do/program_wide/program_wide_index.htm

Handouts:

http://challengingbehavior.org/do/resources/documents/brief_administrator.pdf

http://challengingbehavior.org/do/resources/documents/brief_promoting.pdf

http://challengingbehavior.org/do/resources/documents/pyramid_model_fact_sheet.pdf

http://challengingbehavior.org/do/resources/documents/rph_social_dev_school_rediness.pdf

http://challengingbehavior.org/do/resources/documents/rph_program_practices.pdf

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NDE PYRAMID IMPLEMENTATION ACADEMY APPLICATION

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Name of School District/Head Start:

Address:

Primary Team Contact (s):

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Type of Program:

Number of children with specialized service plans (e.g. IEP, behavior support/mental health):

Approximate number of preschool children (age 3 to 5) served each year:

In the spaces below, list up to 8 applicant team members who will be attending the NDE Implementation Academy, their role in the program, and their role on the team. Each team member must commit to attend the entire Academy and participate in the team's implementation plan.

Team Member	Email	Current Position	Team Role

Describe what you are currently doing to support children's social and emotional development in your preschool program.

Describe why your team is well-positioned to implement the Pyramid Model in your program.

What do you see as the strengths of your team?

How will the program-wide adoption of the Pyramid Model link to other initiatives in your program or community?