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Pyramid Model for Preschool Classrooms

The SEFEL Pyramid Model is a framework for addressing the social emotional needs of all children. It is a tiered public health framework that address the needs of all children through universal promotion of relationships and supportive environments, targeted prevention through social emotional supports for children at risk of developing behavioral challenges, and intensive intervention for the small percentage of children that have persistent challenging behavior, all supported by an effective workforce that uses evidence based practices to support young children's health social emotional development.

Preschool Mod 1

Mod 1 focuses on Tier 1 of the Pyramid Model, which looks at adult activities to promote the social emotional wellbeing of all children. These include, building nurturing and responsive relationships with children and families and creating high quality supportive environments.

Core of Knowledge Area: Child Development (6 hours)

Preschool Mod 2

Mod 2 focuses on Tier 2 of the Pyramid Model, which looks at adult activities to prevent the need for intervention related to behavioral needs. In this mod, participants will learn about targeted social emotional supports and how to intentionally teach social emotional skills to children, including emotional literacy, emotional regulation, friendship skills and problem solving.

Core of Knowledge Area: Child Development (6 hours)

Preschool Mod 3

Mod 3 focuses on Tier 3 of the Pyramid Model, which looks at adult activities to respond to and reduce the need for intensive outside intervention related to behavioral needs. In this mod, participants will learn how to gather data around child behaviors to help understand the meaning and function of the behavior to create a behavior plan that meets the needs of that specific child. This process allows us to create an individualized intensive intervention.

Core of Knowledge Area: Child Development (6 hours)