

Is your early childhood space created for each and every child and family? Do you collaborate with educators and work in the child's natural learning environment?

Building early childhood spaces with children and families in mind, is the beginning of creating a community where each and every child and family feel like they are valued, respected, and belong. The *Pyramid Model for Promoting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children* provides early childhood educators and early childhood intervention professionals with a framework of practices to promote the social, emotional, and behavioral development of each and every child. The Pyramid Model is grounded in a focus on equity, inclusion and belonging and is based on the assumption that all children can be successful in our early childhood spaces, wherever they may be. In this workshop, we will explore the guiding assumptions of the model, the research to support it, and how to implement it. The focus will be on the strategies and practices that early childhood educators can implement in their classrooms, and early childhood intervention professionals can implement and support when working in the child's natural learning environments. The workshop will include opportunities for discussion about barriers and supports to implementation.

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