New Mexico Pyramid Partnership: A Framework for Supporting the Social Emotional Well-Being of Infants, Young Children, and Families

Vision: All New Mexico early childhood practitioners, in partnership with families, will have the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and supports necessary to nurture infants and young children’s social emotional well-being within their family, culture, and community.

Mission: The NM Pyramid Partnership will develop, evaluate, and sustain a statewide, collaborative process that utilizes the Pyramid framework. The integration of the Pyramid framework with other related promotion, prevention, intervention, and treatment efforts in the state will assure New Mexico practitioners learn to promote social emotional competence and understand the impact of nurturing relationships on children’s capacity to learn.

1. Pyramid Framework Overview: The NM Pyramid Partnership has adopted the conceptual model of evidenced based practices developed by the Center on the Social Emotional Foundations of Early Learning (CSEFEL). The Pyramid framework developed by CSEFEL (csefel.vanderbilt.edu) is used to promote the social emotional competence of children birth to age five in the context of nurturing relationships and quality learning environments. The Pyramid framework also provides strategies to prevent and address the challenging behavior of young children.

NM Pyramid Partnership: NM envisions an integrated and aligned system of early childhood programs, practitioners and families versed in the Pyramid Framework. The NM Pyramid Partnership will build a system that embeds the approach and materials developed by CSEFEL into existing models and efforts.

The Goals:
1. Promote the social emotional well-being of all infants, young children and address challenging behavior.
2. Increase the number of high quality trainers and coaches.
3. Achieve community- and state-level commitment in supporting the well-being of all infants, young children and families.

The Results:
- Educated and coached early childhood workforce
- Families with skills and strategies to support their children
- Pyramid implemented across all settings and programs
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