

West Virginia & TACSEI
Pyramid Model Partnership

Promoting Social Emotional
Competence in Young Children



Dear TACSEI/CELL Advisory Member,

West Virginia is one of two states recently selected to participate in a technical assistance and training partnership with the Technical Assistance Center for Social Emotional Interventions (TACSEI) and the Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL). The West Virginia Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, and WV Birth to Three, Department of Health and Human Resources, applied for this grant in conjunction with many other early childhood partners. Through this exciting partnership, the state will develop an integrated early childhood training system to promote social, emotional, and early language and literacy competence, and prevent challenging behaviors in all young children birth to age five.

As part of this partnership, West Virginia must establish a collaborative, interagency state leadership team to develop policies, procedures, and other mechanisms to plan, implement, evaluate, and sustain a professional development system that supports the use of the Pyramid Model and CELL practice guides. Because of your dedication to quality early care and education programs and services, you have been recommended to participate as part of the state leadership team. The leadership team will meet monthly over the next two years to develop and monitor the professional development system. Responsibilities of the state leadership team include: 1) selecting the Pyramid Master Cadre, 2) organize and attend Pyramid Model training events, 3) lead Pyramid Model demonstration site development, 4) evaluate the effort, and 5) develop policies and procedures and a sustainability plan to ensure the continuation and growth of the Pyramid Model and CELL practices in the state.

The first meeting of the TACSEI/CELL State Leadership team will be held on **December 7, 2010 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the Capitol Conference Center, Charleston, WV**. The conference center is located at the corner of Lee and Capitol Streets. Lunch will be provided.

For directions/map:

http://www.charlestonwv.com/meeting_planners/facilities/facility/Capitol_Conference_Center,12.aspx

Please RSVP to Susan Hicks at Susan.K.Hicks@wv.gov so that we can have a complete lunch count.

For those of you who will be joining us on December 7th. We have included below, some suggested links for you to learn more about the TACSEI/CELL initiative prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Dr. Francie Clark, WV TACSEI Pyramid Model Co-Coordinator

Mel Woodcock, WV TACSEI Pyramid Model/CELL Initiative Co-Coordinator

Suggested Links for Review

Technical Assistance Center for Social/Emotional Interventions

<http://www.challengingbehavior.org>

Overview of TACSEI & State Initiative:

http://www.challengingbehavior.org/communities/states/state_videos/kaufmann_9.2008/csefel_state_partner_overview.htm

Collaborative Leadership Teaming & Planning for TACSEI States:

http://www.challengingbehavior.org/communities/states/state_videos/smith_9.2008/smith_9.24.08.html

Ready, Set, Whoa: Planning Tools for Implementation (A conversation with Karen Blase)

http://www.challengingbehavior.org/do/resources/podcasts/karen_blase_conversation/Karen_Blase_conversation.html

Technical Assistance Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL)

<http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/>

CELL Overview

http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/cell_overview.php

Center for Early Literacy Learning (CELL) Achieving Adoption and Use of Evidenced-Based Early Literacy Learning Practices for Young Children

http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/ppts/PD_met_7_08_Ach_Adop.pps