



Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention



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On January 1, 2008, the *Center for Evidence-Based Practice: Young Children with Challenging Behavior* (CEBP) became the *Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Young Children*, or TACSEI. TACSEI continues and expands of the work of CEBP by moving the extensive research CEBP conducted and synthesized on effective practices into actual, everyday practice. The result is that decision makers, caregivers and service providers have an enhanced awareness of, understanding of, and ability to use evidence-based practices to improve the social-emotional outcomes for young children with, or at risk for, delays or disabilities. The conceptual model TACSEI uses to deliver this important information is the widely endorsed Pyramid Model framework for promoting social-emotional competence and addressing challenging behavior.



What does TACSEI do?

Research Syntheses

Synthesizes and disseminates research findings on evidence-based models and practices for children and families served by IDEA

Partners

Maintains collaborative partnerships with national parent and professional organizations & TA providers

Consultant Bank

Coordinates a bank of consultants for providing training and consultation to programs, trainers/coaches and states

Model Demonstration Sites

Works in partnership with five programs currently adopting the Pyramid Model to document factors related to adoption, fidelity of implementation and sustainability

Technical Assistance

Provides technical assistance (TA) with specific emphasis on behavior and social/emotional development

TACSEI States

Provide intensive technical assistance and training to selected states to build the infrastructure and systems needed for the implementation of the Pyramid Model

Products

Creates products for caregivers, service providers, families, and administrators

National Institute and Presentations

Co-sponsors the annual *Addressing Challenging Behavior: National Training Institute on Effective Practices (NTI)* as well as provides local and national conference presentations and workshops on evidence-based practices and the Pyramid Model of promotion, prevention and intervention

Distance Learning

Provides e-learning and teleconference opportunities on evidence-based practices and the Pyramid Model of promotion, prevention and intervention

How can TACSEI help you?

Benefit from all that TACSEI has to offer!

- Visit the TACSEI website at www.challengingbehavior.org
- Download TACSEI resources
- Attend NTI or a training or workshop at a TACSEI partner conference
- Participate in a TACSEI webinar
- Access the consultant bank

How does TACSEI do it?

TACSEI provides a comprehensive array of technical assistance materials and activities to provide information to a wide variety of audiences:

- 1) *Universal Approach*- information and resources are created for **everyone**
- 2) *Targeted Approach*- information and resources are created for **specific audiences**
- 3) *Intensive Approach*- materials are created to meet the exacting needs of **selected programs and states** to improve fidelity and scale-up effort

TACSEI National Organization Partners

- ⊕ National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
www.naeyc.org
- ⊕ Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)
www.dec-sped.org
- ⊕ National Head Start Association (NHSA)
www.nhsa.org
- ⊕ National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)
www.nasmhpd.org
- ⊕ Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights (PACER)
www.pacer.org
- ⊕ National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)
www.nasdse.org
- ⊕ IDEA Infant and Toddler Coordinators Association (ITCA)
www.infanttoddler.org
- ⊕ IDEA 619 Consortium

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