



Pyramid Plus Impact

"Colorado could be on the leading-edge of early childhood education if more [programs and professionals] had the support and skills provided by Pyramid Plus." ~Survey respondent

Pyramid Plus: Colorado Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion works to improve the social and emotional competence and inclusion of young children through the Pyramid Plus Approach (i.e., embedded inclusion practices along the entire developmental continuum (0-5 within the Pyramid Model framework). This goal is accomplished by training, TA and certifying coaches, trainers, and demonstration sites. A 2011 Pyramid Plus Impact Survey was sent to all past Pyramid Plus training attendees, State Policy Team members, trainer certification candidates, coach certification candidates and administrators and leadership team members at Pyramid Plus demonstration sites, implementation communities and outreach partners. A summary of the results follows. More findings can be found on www.pyramidplus.org.

Survey respondents

- A total of 251 individuals received the link to the online survey. There were 83 respondents for a response rate of 33% which is near the average response rate for an email survey (40%). The majority of respondents had attended a Pyramid Plus training (i.e., 82%). Forty-five percent of the respondents were involved in Pyramid Plus certification as a coach or trainer and 37% were affiliated with a demonstration site or implementation community.

Results

- Over 95% agreed or strongly agreed that Pyramid Plus trainings had a **positive impact on professionals' and parents' abilities to support young children's social, emotional, and behavioral development and inclusion.**
- 93% of respondents familiar with certification agreed or strongly agreed that **Pyramid Plus certified trainers and coaches will be highly qualified** to support the knowledge and practice of others to promote young children's social emotional competence and inclusion.
- 97% of respondents familiar with certification agreed or strongly agreed that **Pyramid Plus certified programs, communities, and/or outreach partners serve as exemplary models** of collaboration, leadership, and effective practice.
- 90% agreed or strongly agreed that the **lives of Colorado's families and children have been improved** because of the work of Pyramid Plus.
- 90% agreed or strongly agreed that **early childhood professionals in Colorado have become more effective and confident** in dealing with young children's challenging behaviors because of the work of Pyramid Plus.
- 83% agreed or strongly agreed that Colorado's **early childhood programs have adopted more evidence-based social, emotional, behavioral and/or inclusive practice** because of the support given by Pyramid Plus.
- 95% indicated that **there is a need** for more Pyramid Plus supports and practices statewide.

"NEED...NEED...NEED!!!! Pyramid Plus needs to be refunded!!! We MUST continue forward. It would be devastating to stop this work at this point in time. The forward movement, the momentum would be lost. If Pyramid Plus continues, we can build on our accomplishments. I have seen that the movement picks up energy, exponentially, after 3-4 years." ~Survey Respondent in coach certification at a Pyramid Plus

"As the everyday stressors of life increase and lead to increasing challenging behaviors, Pyramid Plus has provided additional skills necessary to work with [children's] behaviors. ECE professionals, in our Center, are experiencing less burn out and more "joy" [and have] the confidence to share strategies with children and parents." ~Survey respondent affiliated with a Pyramid Plus demonstration site

"We have seen positive growth in our Education staff and their ability to share strategies with parents. We will be offering the Parent Modules this spring and will be encouraging parents whose children have Behavior Plans to attend, in order to share even more strategies. The staff that uses the Pyramid Plus strategies regularly state "IT WORKS!!!" ~Survey respondent affiliated with a Pyramid Plus demonstration site

"The Pyramid Plus training was one of the best trainings I have attended. Trainers spoke of real life situations and I was able to implement the information into my classrooms. The website is amazing and offers so many resources. I wish this information was available to all who work in early childhood education. My trainers at the November conference were amazing and available to answer questions and are still available if I need them. I cannot say enough positive things to begin to reach the importance of Pyramid Plus." ~Training attendee