



The Colorado Center for Social Emotional
Competence and Inclusion

Outcomes Associated with High Fidelity Implementation of the Pyramid Plus Approach

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Demonstration sites serve multiple functions in Colorado's state-wide, Pyramid Plus initiative. First, they serve as a model for other programs considering adopting the Pyramid Plus Approach. They do this by hosting tours and providing trainings for interested sites. Second, the Demonstration Sites provide the Center with important data on implementation fidelity and child outcomes. Finally, the sites provide valuable data to the Pyramid Plus State Policy Team on supports needed to adopt, maintain and scale-up the Pyramid Plus Approach.

The Pyramid Plus Demonstration Sites report the following outcomes of implementing the Pyramid Plus Approach with fidelity over several years.

- 1) Specific policies and procedures to facilitate the continued enrollment and progress of children with identified special needs.
- 2) Specific policies and procedures consistent with a "no exclusion" approach to serving children with challenging behavior.
- 3) A program-wide team that is committed to the promotion of Pyramid Plus practices.
- 4) Ongoing data systems that quickly identify children at risk for developing challenging behavior and teachers who may not be implementing practices with fidelity.
- 5) Program-level hiring and promotion policies that support the Pyramid Plus practices.
- 6) Classrooms that are consistently judged on a standardized observation measure (TPOT) to be at fidelity on Pyramid Plus practices.
- 7) Reductions in the number of children in need of more expensive and intrusive interventions to handle challenging behavior.
- 8) Ongoing data (Benchmarks of Quality) from the program-wide team that show continued quality improvement within and across years.
- 9) A cadre of Pyramid Plus certified internal coaches and trainers that permit sites to address turn-over and community expansion to other sites without the need for Pyramid Plus Center Assistance.
- 10) Improvement in children's social/emotional functioning from the beginning to the end of each school year.

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