# Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) Inventory of Practices: A Crosswalk with NAEYC, DEC, AAP/APHA/NRC National Standards

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## **INTRODUCTION**

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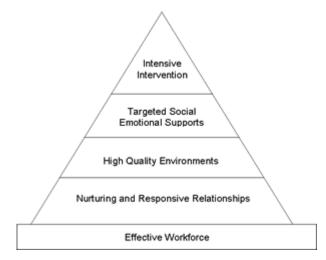
#### The Need for Personnel Competencies in Social and Emotional Development

Research has established a compelling link between social emotional development and school success (Raver, 2002; Smith, 2006). Social, emotional, and behavioral competence in young children predicts their academic performance in the first grade (Raver & Knitzer, 2002). Social skills that have been identified as essential for school success include: getting along with others, following directions, identifying and regulating one's emotions and behavior, thinking of appropriate solutions to conflict, persisting on tasks, engaging in social conversation and cooperative play, correctly interpreting other's behaviors and emotions, and feeling good about oneself and others (Fox & Smith, 2007).

Early educators play an important role in the social emotional development of young children. In 1999, 64% of mothers with children under six and 60% of mothers of infants were in the work force (Clifford & NTI, 2006). This suggests that a large percentage of young children attend some type of out-of-home care program regularly. Therefore, early care and education providers are in a position to: a) help children develop social emotional competence, b) prevent them from learning challenging behaviors, and c) recognize and respond to children with challenging behaviors. Therefore, identifying competencies that describe the knowledge and skills early care and education providers need to support young children's social and emotional development is critical.

A conceptual model of competences and practices related to promoting social and emotional development was developed by the faculty of the national Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) (www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/). This "Pyramid Model" for promoting children's social emotional development and preventing challenging behavior uses a public health model (Gordon, 1983; Simeonnson, 1991) of including: 1) universal practices that are needed to support *all* children and *promote* children's health development, 2) secondary strategies that are designed to *prevent* problem behaviors for children, and 3) tertiary or intervention strategies to provide *intervention* for young children who have mental health needs or serious and persistent problem behavior (Fox, Dunlap, Hemmeter, Joseph, & Strain, 2003). These practices are presented in the Pyramid Model in four levels (see Figure 1). Promotion approaches are the first two levels and include nurturing relationships and responsive caregiving as the foundation for children's development with high quality environments as the context of the development of those relationships. Prevention practices are included in the third level of the pyramid and include targeted strategies and supports for promoting the social emotional competence of children. The fourth level of the pyramid includes individualized interventions that provide treatment to children with persistent challenges.

Figure 1. Promoting Social and Emotional Competence – the Teaching Pyramid Model



CSEFEL developed an *Inventory of Practices for Promoting Children's Social and Emotional Competence (May, 2006)* which is a compilation of evidence-based practices across all levels of the Pyramid that early care and education professionals need to promote social and emotional competence, prevent challenging behavior and intervene when intensive and individualized supports are needed.

## **Purpose of this Crosswalk**

In the Cimino, Forrest, Smith and Stainback-Tracy (2007) document, three sets of national early childhood standards and the CSEFEL *Inventory of Practices for Promoting Children's Social and Emotional Competence* were compared. The national standards describe the knowledge and skills that early care and education providers need and the standards to which early childhood programs should perform in order to promote the optimal development of young children within the context of early care and education. These standards documents include: 1) the National Association of the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) *Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria*; 2) the Division for Early Intervention/Early Childhood *Special Education;* 3) the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), American Public Health Association (APHA), and the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education's (NRC) Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards: Guidelines for Out-Of Home Child Care Programs, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (CFOC). Although social and emotional competencies are included in these sets of standards, none focus specifically on them which is the focus of the CSEFEL Inventory of Practices.

The Cimino et al (2007) compilation provides, in one place, the knowledge and skills and/or program standards that impact social and emotional health from these three nationally recognized standards, as well as the *CSEFEL Inventory of Practices* and where they converge. It also demonstrates the relationship of each competency to the professional competencies described in *Preparing Early Childhood Professionals: NAEYC's Standards for Programs (2003)*, which are

the NAEYC standards and accreditation criteria for higher education programs preparing early childhood professionals.

The current paper crosswalks, in summary and abbreviated fashion, the practices in the CSEFEL *Inventory of Practices* with the national standards and is intended to be used in conjunction with the Cimino, et al (2007) document.

## **Intended Audience**

These documents are intended to assist professionals who provide pre-service and in-service training to early care and education providers as well as program supervisory personnel in integrating concepts and skills related to teaching social and emotional skills in their training curriculum. Faculty in community college or university settings may choose to weave the competences into their existing course material. More in-depth information may be provided in elective courses devoted to promoting social and emotional development and addressing challenging behavior in early care and education settings. Likewise, professionals and entities that provide ongoing training and professional development to early childhood educators may use the competencies to ensure that training related to social and emotional issues is aligned with the evidence-base and national standards. Finally, directors of early care and education programs may use the competencies to ensure that their staff members are well-equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote social and emotional development and address challenging behavior.

For more information on the Pyramid Model for promoting children's social emotional development and preventing challenging behavior and the *CSEFEL Inventory of Practices* and related resources go to <u>www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/</u>.

# **CSEFEL Inventory of Practices: A Crosswalk with National Standards**

CSEFEL Inventory of Practices	NAEYC	DEC	CFOC	NAEYC
	PSAC	RP		PECP
1. Develops meaningful relationships with children and	Relationship	Child-Focused	Content of	Promoting
families	Standard:	Practices: C11	Facility	Child
Greets children on arrival; calls by name	1.A.01;		Activities:	Development
Communicates with children at eye level	1.A.03;	Family-Based	2.003	and Learning:
Verbally interacts with individual children during	1.B.01	Practices: F2,		1a, c; 2 b, c
routines and activities		F5, F7, F11-14	Helping	
Participates in children's play when appropriate	Families Standard:		Families Cope	Teaching and
□ Shows respect, consideration, warmth to all children	7.A.01;		with	Learning: 4a
Speaks calmly to children	7.A.02;		Separation:	
□ Uses a variety of strategies for building relationships	7.A.04		2.004	Family and
with all children				Community
□ Attends to children in positive ways at times when			Mutual	Relationships:
the children are not engaging in challenging			Responsibility	2 a, b, c
behavior			of Parents and	
Uses a variety of strategies for building relationships			Staff:	
with all families			2.044	
Creates a classroom that is a place that children and				
families like to be (i.e., feel comfortable, welcome,			Parent Visits:	
and safe)			2.046	

### I. Nurturing and Responsive Relationships

CSEFEL Inventory of Practices	NAEYC PSAC	DEC RP	CFOC	NAEYC PECP
<ul> <li>2. Examines personal, family, and cultural views of child's challenging behavior</li> <li>Considers personal beliefs regarding the acceptability and unacceptability of specific types of child behavior</li> <li>Considers personal beliefs regarding the causes of specific types of unacceptable child behavior</li> <li>Acknowledges contrasting or conflicting beliefs held by others regarding acceptable and unacceptable types of child behavior</li> </ul>		Family Based Practices: F5		Promoting Child Development and Learning: 1b Building Family and Community Relationships: 2b
<ul> <li>3. Examines own attitudes toward challenging behavior</li> <li>Understands the relationship between children's social emotional development and challenging behaviors</li> <li>Understands that children's challenging behaviors are conveying some type of message</li> </ul>				Promoting Child Development and Learning: 1b
<ul> <li>Understands there are many things that can be done to prevent challenging behaviors</li> <li>Identifies what behaviors "push my buttons"</li> <li>Develops strategies for dealing with situations when children's behaviors "push my buttons"</li> </ul>				
Works together with a team to problem solve around issues related to challenging behaviors				

## **II. High Quality Environments**

CSEFEL Inventory of Practices	NAEYC PSAC	DEC RP	CFOC	NAEYC PECP
4. Designs the physical environment	Relationship	Child-Focused		Teaching and
Arranges traffic patterns in classroom so there are no	Standard:	Practices: C1,		Learning: 4b
wide open spaces	1.B.08;	C2, C3		-
Removes obstacles that make it difficult for children with physical disabilities to move around the room	1.D.03			
Clearly defines boundaries in learning centers	Teaching			
Arranges learning centers to allow room for multiple	Standard:			
children	3.A.05			
Provides a variety of materials in all learning centers				
Designs learning centers so that children spend time				
evenly across centers				
□ Considers children's interests when deciding what to				
put in learning centers				
Makes changes and additions to learning centers on				
a regular basis				
Visually closes learning centers when they are not				
an option for children to use				
5. Develops schedules and routines	Teaching	Child-Focused		Teaching and
Designs schedule to include a balance of large group	Standard:	Practices: C1,		Learning: 4b
and small group activities	3.A.05	C2, C3		
Designs schedule to minimize the amount of time				
children spend making transitions between activities	Relationship			
Implements schedule consistently	Standard:			
Teaches children about the schedule	1.D.03			
Provides explanations when changes in the schedule				
are necessary				

NAEYC PSAC= National Association for the Education of Young Children: Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria

DEC RP= Division for Early Childhood: Recommended Practices in Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education

CFOC= Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards: Guidelines for Out-of-Home Child Care Programs

NAEYC PECP= National Association for the Education of Young Children: Preparing Early Childhood Professionals

<b>CSEFEL Inventory of Practices</b>	NAEYC PSAC	DEC RP	CFOC	NAEYC PECP
6. Ensures smooth transitions	Teaching	Child-Focused		Teaching and
<ul> <li>Ensures smooth transitions</li> <li>Structures transitions so children do not have to</li> </ul>	Standard:	Practices: C1,		Learning: 4b
spend excessive time waiting with nothing to do	3.A.05	C2, C3		Learning. 40
<ul> <li>Teaches children the expectations associated with</li> </ul>	J.A.0J	$C_2, C_3$		
transitions	Deletionshin			
	Relationship Standard:			
Provides warnings to children prior to transitions	1.D.03			
Individualizes the warnings prior to transitions		Child-Focused		Duranting
7. Designs activities to promote engagement	Teaching			Promoting
Plans and conducts large group activities with	Standard:	Practices: C1,		Child
specific goals in mind for the children	3.A.05	C2		Development
□ Varies the topics and activities in the large group				and Learning:
from day to day				1c
Provides opportunities for children to be actively				
involved in large group activities				
□ Varies speech and intonation to maintain the				
children's interests in the large group activity				
Monitors children's behavior and modifies plans				
when children lose interest in large group activities				
Plans and conducts small group activities with				
specific goals in mind for each child				
Plans and conducts fun small group activities				
Uses peers as models during small group activities				
Monitors children's behavior and modifies plans				
when children lose interest in small group activities				
Makes adaptations and modifications to ensure that				
all children can be involved in a meaningful way in				
any activity				
□ Uses a variety of ways to teach the expectations of				
specific activities so that all children understand				
them				

<b>CSEFEL Inventory of Practices</b>	NAEYC PSAC	DEC RP	CFOC	NAEYC PECP
<ul> <li>8. Giving directions</li> <li>Gains child's attention before giving directions</li> <li>Minimizes the number of directions</li> <li>Individualizes the way directions are given</li> <li>Gives clear directions</li> <li>Gives directions that are positive</li> <li>Gives children time to respond to directions</li> <li>Gives children choices and options when appropriate</li> <li>Follows through with positive acknowledgements of children's behavior</li> </ul>				Teaching and Learning: 4b
<ul> <li>9. Establishes and enforces clear rules, limits, and consequences for behavior</li> <li>Identifies appropriate classroom rules with children</li> <li>Teaches rules in developmentally appropriate ways</li> <li>Provides opportunities for children to practice classroom rules</li> <li>States rules positively and specifically (avoids words "no" and "don't" as much as possible)</li> <li>Keeps rules to manageable number (3-6)</li> <li>Frequently reinforces children for appropriate behavior</li> <li>Identifies consequences for both following and not following rules</li> <li>Makes sure all adults in classroom know rules and consequences</li> <li>Enforces rules</li> </ul>	Teaching Standard: 3.B.06			Teaching and Learning: 4b

CSEFEL Inventory of Practices	NAEYC PSAC	DEC RP	CFOC	NAEYC PECP
<ul> <li>10. Engages in ongoing monitoring and positive attention</li> <li>Gives children time and attention when engaging in appropriate behavior</li> <li>Monitors adults' interactions with children throughout the day</li> </ul>	Curriculum Standard: 2.B.01			Teaching and Learning: 4b
<ul> <li>11. Uses positive feedback and encouragement <ul> <li>Uses positive feedback and encouragement</li> <li>contingent on appropriate behavior</li> </ul> </li> <li>Provides descriptive feedback and encouragement</li> <li>Conveys enthusiasm while giving positive feedback and encouragement</li> <li>Uses positive feedback and encouragement contingent on child's efforts</li> <li>Provides nonverbal cues of appreciation</li> <li>Recognizes that there are individual variations in what forms of acknowledgment are interpreted as positive by children</li> <li>Involves other adults in acknowledging children</li> <li>Models positive feedback and encouragement frequently</li> </ul>	Relationship Standard: 1.B.01; 1.B.02	Child-Focused Practices: C16		Teaching and Learning: 4b

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12. Interacts with children to develop their self-esteem	Teaching	Child-Focused		Promoting
Demonstrates active listening with children	Standard:	Practices: C 11		Child
Avoids judgmental statements	3.B.03			Development
Responds to children's ideas				and Learning:
Recognizes children's efforts	Relationship			1 a, b, c,
□ Shows empathy and acceptance of children's	Standard:			
feelings	1.B.02;			Teaching and
	1.B.05			Learning: 4a
13. Shows sensitivity to individual children's needs	Teaching	Child-Focused		Promoting
Respects and accommodates individual needs,	Standard:	Practices:		Child
personalities, and characteristics	3.B.03	C 11, C12		Development
Adapts and adjusts accordingly (instruction,				and Learning:
curriculum, materials, etc.)	Relationship			1 a, b, c,
Conveys acceptance of individual differences	Standard:			
(culture, gender, sensory needs, language, abilities)	1.B.02;			Teaching and
through planning, material selection, and discussion	1.B.05;			Learning: 4a
of topics	1.B.07;			
	1.B.13			
14. Encourages autonomy	Relationship		Health	Teaching and
Provides children with opportunities to make	Standard:		Education	Learning: 4d
choices	1.F.02		Topics: 2.061	
□ Allows children time to respond and/or complete			(subsections	
task independently before offering assistance			c,d only)	
Creates opportunities for decision making, problem				
solving, and working together				
□ Teaches children strategies for self-regulating and/or				
self-monitoring behaviors				

#### **III. Targeted Social Emotional Supports**

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<ul> <li>15. Capitalizes on the presence of typically developing peers</li> <li>Utilizes peers as models of desirable social behavior</li> <li>Encourages peer partners/buddies (i.e., hold hands during transitions, play partner, clean-up buddy, etc.)</li> <li>Demonstrates sensitivity to peer preferences and personalities</li> <li>Shows an understanding of developmental levels of interactions and play skills</li> </ul>	Curriculum Standard: 2.B.05	Child-Focused Practices: C23		Teaching and Learning: 4d
<ul> <li>16. Utilizes effective environmental arrangements to encourage social interactions</li> <li>Considers peer placement during classroom activities</li> <li>Effectively selects, arranges, and utilizes materials that promote interactions (high interest, novel, culturally meaningful)</li> <li>Effectively selects, arranges, and implements activities that promote interactions (high interest, novel, culturally meaningful)</li> <li>Develops interaction opportunities within classroom routines (i.e., table captain, clean-up partner, snack set-up, etc.)</li> </ul>	Relationship Standard: 1.C.02; 1.C.03; 1.C.06; 1.F.02	Child-Focused Practices: C2, C4, C11, C21, C23	Orientation for Care Of Children With Special Health Needs: 1.024 Inclusion in All Activities: 7.001	Promoting Child Development and Learning: 1c Teaching and Learning: 4b, 4d

CSEFEL Inventory of Practices	NAEYC PSAC	DEC RP	CFOC	NAEYC PECP
17. Uses prompting and reinforcement of interactions	Relationship	Child-Focused		Teaching and
effectively	Standard:	Practices: C2,		Learning: 4b,
Provides sincere, enthusiastic feedback to promote	1.C.02;	C4, C11, C21,		4d
and maintain social interactions	1.C.03;	C22, C23, C24		10
□ Waits until interactions are finished before	1.C.06	,,		
reinforcing; does not interrupt interactions				
Models phrases children can use to initiate and	Curriculum			
encourage interactions	Standard:			
Gives general reminders to "play with your friends"	2.B.01			
□ Facilitates interactions by supporting and suggesting				
play ideas				
Ensures that interactions are mostly child-directed				
not teacher-directed during free play				
18. Provides instruction to aid in the development of social	Relationship	Child-Focused		Teaching and
skills	Standard:	Practices: C4,		Learning: 4b
Includes social interaction goals on the IEP	1.C.02;	C11		
□ Teaches appropriate social skills through lessons and	1.E.03			
role-playing opportunities				
□ Incorporates cooperative games, lessons, stories, and				
activities that promote altruistic behavior into				
planning				
□ Structures activities to encourage and teach sharing				
Structures activities to encourage and teach turn				
taking				
□ Structures activities to encourage and teach				
requesting and distributing items				
□ Structures activities to encourage and teach working				
cooperatively				
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CSEFEL Inventory of Practices	NAEYC PSAC	DEC RP	CFOC	NAEYC PECP
19. Promotes identification and labeling of emotions in self	Relationship		Health	Teaching and
and others	Standard:		Education	Learning: 4b,
Uses photographs, pictures, and posters that portray	1.C.04;		Topics: 2.061	4d
people in various emotional states	1.D.04;		(subsections	
<ul> <li>Uses validation, acknowledgment, mirroring back, labeling feelings, voice tones, or gestures to show an</li> </ul>	1.F.02		c,d only)	
understanding of children's feelings	Curriculum			
Assists children in recognizing and understanding	Standard:			
how a classmate might be feeling by pointing out	2.B.01			
facial expressions, voice tone, body language, or words				
□ Uses real-life situations to practice problem solving,				
beginning with defining the problem and emotions involved				
20. Explores the nature of feelings and the appropriate ways	Relationship		Health	Teaching and
they can be expressed	Standard:		Education	Learning: 4b,
Teaches that all emotions are okay, but not all	1.D.04;		Topics: 2.061	4d
expressions are okay	1.F.02		(subsections	
□ Labels own emotional states and provides an action			c,d only)	
statement (e.g., I am feeling frustrated so I better	Curriculum			
take some deep breaths and calm down)	Standard:			
Uses opportunities to comment on occasions when	2.B.01			
children state they are feeling upset or angry but are				
remaining calm				

CSEFEL Inventory of Practices	NAEYC PSAC	DEC RP	CFOC	NAEYC PECP
<ul> <li>21. Models appropriate expressions and labeling of their own emotions and self-regulation throughout the course of the day</li> <li>Labels positive feelings</li> <li>Labels negative feelings paired with actions to regulate</li> </ul>	Relationship Standard: 1.B.06			Promoting Child Development and Learning: 1 a, b, c Teaching and Learning: 4a
<ul> <li>22. Creates a planned approach for problem solving processes within the classroom</li> <li>Individualizes the planned approach to the appropriate level of the child</li> <li>Systematically teaches the problem solving steps: <ul> <li>a. What is my problem?</li> <li>b. What are some solutions?</li> <li>c. What would happen next?</li> <li>d. Try out the solution.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Problematizes" situations throughout the day to allow children opportunities to generate solutions</li> <li>Takes time to support children through the problem solving process during heated moments</li> <li>Comments on and reinforces children's problem solving efforts</li> </ul>	Relationship Standard: 1.B.06; 1.C.04; 1.F.02		Health Education Topics: 2.061 (subsections c,d only)	Promoting Child Development and Learning: 1 a, b, c Teaching and Learning: 4a, 4b

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<ul> <li>23. Promotes children's individualized emotional regulation that will enhance positive social interactions within the classroom</li> <li>Helps children recognize cues of emotional escalation</li> <li>Helps children identify appropriate choices</li> <li>Helps children try solutions until the situation is appropriately resolved</li> <li>Displays photographs of children working out situations</li> </ul>	Relationship Standard: 1.B.06; 1.C.04; 1.F.02		Health Education Topics: 2.061 (subsections c,d only)	Promoting Child Development and Learning: 1 a, b, c Teaching and Learning: 4a, 4d

CSEFEL Inventory of Practices	NAEYC PSAC	DEC RP	CFOC	NAEYC PECP
<ul> <li>24. Teams with family to develop support plans</li> <li>Invites family to participate in behavior support process from the beginning</li> <li>Accommodates family schedule</li> <li>Encourages family to assist in the development of plan</li> <li>Ensures that the plan addresses family and child</li> </ul>	Relationship Standard: 1.E.01	Interdisciplinary Models: I 1		Building Family and Community Relationships: 2c Teaching and
<ul> <li>care issues</li> <li>25. Teams use functional assessment <ul> <li>Conducts observations</li> <li>Completes interviews</li> <li>Develops hypothesis</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Relationship Standard: 1.E.02 Teaching Standard: 3.B.12	Assessment Practices: A22 Child-Focused Practices: C27		Learning: 4b Observing, Documenting and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families: 3b
<ul> <li>26. Develops and implements behavior support plan</li> <li>Includes replacement skills</li> <li>Includes prevention strategies</li> <li>Includes new responses</li> </ul>	Relationship Standard: 1.E.01; 1.E.02; 1.E.03 Teaching Standard: 3.B.12	Child-Focused Practices: C27 Assessment Practices: A22		Observing, Documenting, and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families: 3 b, c Teaching and Learning: 4b

#### **IV. Intensive Interventions**

CSEFEL Inventory of Practices	NAEYC PSAC	DEC RP	CFOC	NAEYC PECP
<ul> <li>27. Teaches replacement skills</li> <li>Replacement skills are taught throughout the day</li> <li>Replacement skills are taught when challenging behavior is not occurring</li> <li>Consistently provides positive reinforcement for appropriate behavior</li> </ul>	Relationship Program Standard: 1.E.03; 1.E.04 Teaching Standard: 3.B.12	Assessment Practices: A22 Child-Focused Practices: C27	Handling Physical Aggression: 2.040	Observing, Documenting and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families: 3b Teaching and Learning: 4b
<ul> <li>28. Monitors progress</li> <li>Measures and monitors changes in challenging behavior</li> <li>Measures and monitors acquisition of replacement skills</li> <li>Team meets periodically to review child progress, plan implementation, and to develop new support strategies</li> </ul>	Relationship Standard: 1.E.01 Assessment of Child Progress Standard: 4.D.08	Child-Focused Practices: C27	Handling Physical Aggression: 2.040	Observing, Documenting and Assessing to Support Young Children and Families: 3b Teaching and Learning: 4b

#### **Resources**

#### **Annotated Bibliography**

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*CFOC* is a cooperative product of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the NRC, under sponsorship of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). *CFOC* is a set of 707 attainable standards and recommendations that are intended for use by health professionals, trainers, regulators, child care providers, academics and researchers, parents, and others who contribute to the well-being of children. These health and safety practices cover the areas of : (1) staffing; (2) program activities for healthy child development; (3) health promotion and protection; (4) nutrition and food service; (5) facilities, supplies, equipment, and transportation; (6) infectious diseases; (7) children with special health care needs; (8) administration; and (9) licensing and community action.

Inventory of practices for promoting children's social and emotional competence (May, 2006). [online] 2006 [cited 2007 Sept 6]. Available from: <u>www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel</u>. Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL).

CSEFEL is a national technical assistance center funded by the Office of Head Start and the Child Care Bureau, US Department of Health and Human Services. The *Inventory of Practices for Promoting Children's Social Emotional Competence* is designed to be used with the Teaching Pyramid training modules by individuals and/or teams to identify training needs and plan a course of action to address those needs related to four general areas: (a) building positive relationships, (b) classroom preventative practices (c) social emotional teaching strategies, and (d) individualized intensive interventions. The Inventory encourages individual self-reflection, opportunities for teaming between personnel and families, coaches, supervisors, site directors, and other administrators, and promotes effective practices for direct service staff. There are two sections to this tool: the inventory of practices and the action plan. The content of the modules and inventory is consistent with evidence-based practices identified through a thorough review of the literature.

*DEC Recommended practices in early intervention/early childhood special education: A comprehensive guide for practical application.* Sandall S, Hemmeter M, Smith B, McLean M. (Eds.) (2005). <u>www.dec-sped.org</u>

The Division for Early Childhood, Council for Exceptional Children (DEC) is the professional association for early childhood special educators. The DEC Recommended Practices are based on both scientific evidence and experiential knowledge. They are

available in several DEC publications including this comprehensive guide which contains the Recommended Practices, examples of the practices, practical tips for implementation, strategies for program assessment and improvement, checklists for parents and administrators, and an annotated list of relevant resources.

*Early childhood program standards and accreditation criteria: The mark of quality in early childhood education, 2005.* National Association for the Education of Young Children NAEYC), www.naeyc.org

NAEYC is the professional association for early childhood educators that work with children birth through age eight. *Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria: The Mark of Quality in Early Childhood Education* provides a guide for early childhood educators in program improvement, birth through Kindergarten, with the emphasis on promoting child outcomes. The ten Early Childhood program standards with criteria are evidence based and valued centered. An early childhood education program that demonstrates the values in combination with evidence based criteria can receive NAEYC accreditation. A ten member Commission working directly with technical resource teams, receiving input from individuals in various aspects of the field and research based findings from field testing developed the standards and criteria.

Preparing Early Childhood Professionals: NAEYC's Standards for Programs, 2003. National Association for the Education of Young Children.

This resource provides the NAEYC standards and accreditation criteria for higher education programs preparing early childhood professionals in the following areas: Associate, Baccalaureate, Masters, and Doctoral Degree Programs. All levels of standards are aligned with the National Council for Accreditation of recent research on how young children develop and learn. Also included in the text are Council for Exceptional Children/Division for Early Childhood (CEC/DEC) and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

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