



North Carolina / CSEFEL Partnership Coach Invitation to Apply

Dear Colleague:

North Carolina is one of only five states recently selected to participate in a partnership with the Center on the Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) program to build the skills of early care and education professionals in the area of children's emotional and social skills. We would like to invite you to become part of this exciting initiative by becoming a **Pyramid Model Coach**. CSEFEL is partnering with North Carolina to build capacity for promoting young children's emotional and social competence and addressing challenging behavior. CSEFEL is working with the North Carolina Child Care Resource and Referral Council, the Division of Child Development, the Division of Public Health, the FPG Child Development Institute, Head Start, the Office of School Readiness, Smart Start, the Community College system, and others in this initiative.

There are 5 major components of the NC/CSEFEL Partnership:

- Provide CSEFEL Pyramid Model train-the-trainer events in October of 2008.
- Coordinate and work with a team of 10-15 local CSEFEL Pyramid Model coaches to help programs in their locale implement the Pyramid Model
- Work with programs state-wide as Pyramid Model demonstration sites
- Work with a state team to strengthen policies and systems to sustain evidence-based practices such as the Pyramid Model at the local level
- Collect data on the effectiveness of the initiative

Please note that the opportunity to become a coach is being made available to a limited number of people by invitation only. As a coach, you will identify at least one classroom or family child care home within your community, and will visit and provide technical assistance and/or training to staff at least weekly in order to help the program adopt the CSEFEL Pyramid Model. Coaches must have resources/job to support this role, as additional funding for coaching is not available.

This is an opportunity for you to receive advanced training in the Pyramid Model and practices and to be a resource to your community, North Carolina, and to other states across the country. Coaches will be selected based on the application and their resume as well as geographic distribution. **Coaches will need to attend all four days of the CSEFEL Pyramid train-the-trainer events October 6-7 and 22-23, 2008 in the central part of the state.** This will be an opportunity to learn about the Pyramid Model and begin to work with the CSEFEL staff. Selected coaches will receive complimentary conference registration, which includes breakfast, lunch and materials, and lodging will be reimbursed for coaches who travel a long distance to the conference.

For more information about the CSEFEL Pyramid Model approach visit <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/>

Additionally, CSEFEL and the NC/CSEFEL Planning Team are hosting a Webinar on September 8, 2008 from 1:00-3:00. This call-in event will include both an informational session and time for questions from potential demonstration sites and coaches. Upon receipt and review of this application, you will be sent the details about the Webinar.

Application and resume must be received by August 22, 2008. Decisions will be made on coach selection in early September.

Sincerely,

The CSEFEL State Planning Team

**North Carolina / CSEFEL Partnership
Pyramid Model Coach Application**

Please submit application and resume via email by August 22, 2008 to Jenn Miller at Jenn.Miller@ncmail.net

Name: _____
Agency Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Job Title: _____ Work Phone #: _____
Email Address: _____

Qualifications (include description and examples)

1. Do you have a degree(s) in Early Childhood Education or a related field? Please describe.
2. Do you hold any other certificates, degrees, or have you taken any specific classes or training related to young children's emotional and social competence? If so, please describe.
3. Please describe your current or past experience with training adults, coaching/mentoring, providing technical assistance and/or supervision.
4. Please describe your current or past experience as an early childhood provider, teacher, or administrator.
5. Do you have any experience using the CSEFEL Pyramid Model and materials? If so, please describe.
6. Have you selected a program to coach? If so, please describe.

Expectations (Please initial on the line next to each bullet to signal your agreement to meet each expectation, should you be chosen to become a CSEFEL coach):

- Attend 4 days of CSEFEL Pyramid Model training on October 6-7 and 22-23. _____
- Attend coach training sessions during the evening on October 6 and 22. _____
- Serve as a NC/CSEFEL Pyramid Model coach for at least 3 years providing training and on-going coaching to at least one classroom/family child care home in your community _____
- Have resources/job to support this role, for instance: _____
 - currently have job that includes providing training and on-going support to at least one early childhood program, **or**
 - currently serve as a consultant to early childhood programs
- Participate in ongoing training and technical support from CSEFEL staff including observation, coaching and web-based support _____
- Collect data as required by the CSEFEL project _____
- Coach only on the CSEFEL Pyramid Model when acting as a CSEFEL coach _____

References: Provide name and contact information (phone and e-mail) for three references that can attest to your qualifications and abilities as a coach and/or trainer.

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My name below indicates that I have read and agree to abide by the above requirements and expectations.

Name

Date

My name below indicates that I agree to support this applicant in meeting the above requirements and expectations.

Supervisor's Name

Date