

Dear Colleague:

As someone who participated in last year's Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning (CSEFEL) Pyramid Model train-the-trainers event, we are inviting you to apply to be a CSEFEL Pyramid Model Coach. Please note that this is an invitation only opportunity available only to those who took the training. Coaches are expected to provide training and on-going consultation and coaching to at least one program in their community. The frequency of on-site visits will be individually determined with the program and CSEFEL staff. The program may be one you are already associated with. CSEFEL staff will work closely with each coach in helping at least one program in their area adopt the Pyramid strategies.

CSEFEL is partnering with Colorado to build capacity for promoting young children's social and emotional competence and addressing challenging behavior. CSEFEL is working with the Colorado Office of Professional Development, JFK Partners, Project Bloom, Children's Mental Health, Colorado Department of Education, Community College faculty and others in this initiative.

There are 5 major components of this effort:

- provide a CSEFEL Pyramid Model train-the-trainers event in April and May, 2007
- work with a team of 10-15 local CSEFEL Pyramid Model coaches to help programs in their locale implement the Pyramid Model
- work with 3 programs state-wide as CSEFEL 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

Recently, 47% of licensed child care providers in Colorado who responded to a survey reported that they would like access to someone to consult with on issues related to mental health and social emotional development. In another survey, 81% of child care directors said that they would like their staff to learn more about strategies for children with challenging behavior.

This is an opportunity for you to receive advanced training in the Pyramid Model and practices and to be a resource to your community and to Colorado. While there currently are no monetary resources for coaches, there will be intensive and on-going support provided by CSEFEL staff as well as opportunities to share with other CSEFEL Pyramid coaches in Colorado and other states.

Coaches will be selected based on the application and their resume as well as geographic distribution. **Coaches will need to attend the CSEFEL Pyramid train-the-trainers conference April 24 & 25, May 15 & 16, 2007 in Denver.** This will be an opportunity to get a refresher on the Pyramid Model and begin to work with the CSEFEL staff. Conference registration for coaches will be complimentary and all materials will be provided at no cost. Communities that have existing Bloom dollars may use those funds to help cover travel costs. Applicants should mention the need for financial assistance for travel costs in their application.

Application and resume must be received electronically by March 19, 2007. Decisions will be made on Coach selection by April 5, 2007.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Smith & Phil Strain (CSEFEL; CU-Denver), Corry Robinson (JFK Partners; CU-Denver and Health Sciences Center), Laurie Beckel (Early Childhood Policy Initiatives), Linda Forrest (Arapahoe Community College), Sarah Hoover (JFK Partners/Project Bloom), Holly Wilcher (Colorado Office of Professional Development), Claudia Zundel (Colorado Mental Health Services and Project Bloom)

CSEFEL Pyramid Model Coach Application

Please submit application and resume via email by March 19, 2007 to Phil Strain at phil.strain@cudenver.edu

Name:

Agency:

Role/Title:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

I. Qualifications (include description and examples in the space provided):

- Participated in the CSEFEL Pyramid Approach training last year
- Current early childhood provider, trainer or administrator
- Experience in delivering training
- Knowledge of adult learning styles
- Experience with coaching or supervision
- Knowledge and use of the CSEFEL Pyramid Model content and approach

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- Connections to the larger early childhood community in your area, e.g. Early Childhood Councils (Pilots, other groups)
- Formal education and inservice education related to young children's social emotional competence

II. Expectations:

- Attend 4 days of CSEFEL training sessions (April 24 & 25, May 15 & 16, 2007)
- Agree to serve as a Colorado CSEFEL Pyramid Model coach for at least 3 years providing training and on-going coaching to EC providers and programs in your region
- 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
- Available for ongoing training and technical support from CSEFEL staff including web based support
- Willing to be observed/coached by CSEFEL staff
- Will collect data as required by the CSEFEL project
- Provide training and ongoing consultation to at least one program in your geographic area on the Pyramid Model strategies only (necessary for project evaluation)

III. References: provide name and contact information for three references

1. Name:

Address:

Phone:

2. Name:

Address:

Phone:

3. Name:

Address:

Phone: