

Invitation to participate in:



Maryland Pyramid Model Trainer of Trainers (TOT)



The Parent, Infant Early Childhood (PIEC) Team at the University of Maryland School of Social Work's Institute for Innovation and Implementation, is happy to announce this Fall's TOT for the Maryland Pyramid Model Preschool training content. Participants in this training will be authorized by MSDE to deliver the Maryland Pyramid Model Preschool training content to early childhood educators and childcare providers who serve children ages 3-6 throughout the state (*certified trainers are not permitted to train other trainers*).

Opportunities to participate in trainer certification sessions will occur in October and November 2023. *Trainers are only required to attend one of the two days of training.* Trainers must complete pre-work prior to attending the TOT and participate in a full-day, virtual TOT training sessions to become certified. The following sessions will be held virtually:

- ❖ **October 25th from 9:00am – 4:00pm** *or*
- ❖ **November 9th from 9:00am – 4:00pm**

Note: Pre-work activities, including reviewing pre-recorded videos and completing a reflective assignment, must be completed and submitted before attending selected training date.

This TOT will cover the following topics:

- ❖ Overview of content
- ❖ Infusing equity in the Pyramid Model
- ❖ How to deliver and divide the training to meet the needs of your audience
- ❖ Expectations of MD State Approved Pyramid Model trainers

Who should take the TOT?

To ensure the fidelity of Pyramid Model practices being shared across the state, trainers who desire to train using the most up to date content are required to attend. Certification is mandatory to access training materials and receive ongoing expert support.

Note: MSDE requires that trainers in the Pyramid Model attend a recertification every 4 years to stay abreast with updated content. Each trainer who successfully completes the TOT will receive a certificate to reflect certification in the Pyramid Model and TOT training hours issued by the University of Maryland School of Social Work's Institute for Innovation and Implementation.

New Trainers Applicant criteria:

- Completion of at least one Pyramid Model Training series (*Birth to five and/or Preschool*)
 - If you need to complete training, the following options are available:
 - Online modules (Preschool Classroom): <https://www.mdpyramidmodelsefel.org/online-training> OR
 - Reach out to your local Child Care Resource Center (CCRC) to sign up for any local training in the model occurring before the application deadline.
- Have a current training approval number or approval by a local school district to provide training *or* commit to delivering the training within an approved training organization (*This information is provided by MSDE and not the University of Maryland, please email Debbie Langer, deborah.langer@maryland.gov if you do not have this information*).

Once certified, Trainers must commit to the following:

- ❖ Engage in one or more Pyramid Model activities on an annual basis, including but not limited to:
 - ❖ Delivering a training on the PM Preschool Modules (in full or in part) at least once per year
 - ❖ Facilitating Positive Solutions for Families (PSF) groups
 - ❖ Providing coaching in Pyramid Model content
 - ❖ Participating in program or state leadership team
- ❖ Advertise trainings on Maryland's Pyramid Model website;
- ❖ Register and report training and coaching data within Maryland's online OMS system;
- ❖ Participate in a TOT refresher once every 4 years to become recertified in accordance with MSDE training approval process and schedule.

[CLICK HERE](#) to apply. Apply by Thursday, August 31st, 2023 to be considered

Any questions about the application, please send to PIEC@ssw.umaryland.edu

