

# NJ PYRAMID MODEL

*Promoting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Toddlers*

## ANNOUNCING A FREE WORKSHOP IN THE NJ PYRAMID MODEL

**WHO:** Professionals who work with infants, toddlers and young children & their families at child care and early learning centers throughout the state of New Jersey.

**WHERE:** **Host Organization – Bright Beginnings**

Location of Training - Washington Catering  
194 Fries Mill Road  
Turnersville, NJ 08012

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 18th, 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm **Preschool Module 1 part 1**  
Thursday, October 19th, 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm **Preschool Module 1 part 2**

*Please note that dinner is not included. Participants are welcome to bring their own dinner.*

**To register, please call**

Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health

973-655-3890

**\*\* (You do not need to call if you work for Bright Beginnings) \*\***



The Pyramid Model provides guidance for early childhood educators, early intervention personnel, families and other professionals on the **evidence-based** practices for promoting young children's **healthy social/emotional development**.

The model describes three tiers of intervention practice:

- ✓ **Universal promotion** for all children;
- ✓ **Secondary preventions** to address the intervention needs for children at risk of social emotional delays, and
- ✓ **Tertiary interventions** needed for children with persistent challenges.

### **Funded by the NJ DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Family Development (DFD) recognizes that the key to promoting positive development in young children includes helping caregivers and parents understand the adverse effects of traumatic events on young children. Effective Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) education has been shown to improve maternal and child health, family functioning and stability, and child and family well-being; and prevent child neglect and abuse. With support from the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant and the Grow NJ Kids initiative, DFD has allocated funding for IECMH professional education/training and coaching to build local staff knowledge and capacity, and implement evidence-based practices that support positive social-emotional well-being and address the mental health needs of infants/young children and their families. The goal is to assist children and their families to effectively cope with the stress of traumatic events (such as Superstorm Sandy), promote positive early childhood development, and buffer the negative impacts by strengthening families and building resilience.