

**Activity Title: Pyramid Model Parents Interacting with Infants (PIWI) Training**

**Activity Background/Description:**

One of the goals of the NYSB5 Grant is to share best practices statewide. NYS is supporting Pyramid Model implementation as a statewide best practice. There will be 5 Parents Interacting with Infants (PIWI) Trainings funded by NYSB5. These one-day trainings will be held across the state and will be open to early childhood care and education providers, home visitors, parent educators, and others caring for young children.

PIWI training focuses on practices for supporting infant and toddler development by expanding on and strengthening parent-child interactions and relationships. The training emphasizes parent-child interaction as both the focus and context for understanding and promoting children's development. PIWI can support professionals who work in programs including home visiting, Early Intervention and Early Head Start to name a few. During these one-day trainings, participants will learn about, discuss and practice all components of PIWI including the philosophy, dyadic interactions and strategies, triadic strategies, and Developmental Observation Topics (DOT). Videos, strategies and resources will be shared to demonstrate PIWI in action in a variety of settings.

**Implementation Timeline:** Trainings held from May – July 2019

**Additional Details:**

NYS Early Childhood Advisory Council: <http://www.nysecac.org/ecac-initiatives/pyramid-model/>

Pyramid Model Consortium: <http://www.pyramidmodel.org/resource/infanttoddler-parent-modules-piwi/>

**Cross-sector Partners:**

NYS Council on Children and Families, NYS Pyramid Model Master Cadre, NYS Office of Children and Family Services, NYS Office of Mental Health, NYS Department of Health, NYS Education Department, NYS United Teachers, Early Childhood Advisory Council, Early Care and Learning Council, NY Association for the Education of Young Children, Prevent Child Abuse NY

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