Greetings Maryland Pyramid Model Community:

During this unprecedented time, while classrooms are empty and families are worried as our communities and governments advise for precautions during this COVID-19 public health response – we wanted to dedicate our monthly newsletter this March to cultivate related resources for you, your teams and your networks. Please also contact us to tell us about the ways you are seeing your programs and communities adaptively and creatively meet the needs of the youngest, most vulnerable and their families.

With support and grace,

The Institute’s PIEC Team
Emergency Resources

The following are resources to support families in helping young children cope with the challenges that might occur during stressful emergency or disaster situations. This website will be updated as we obtain more resources. Let's work as a...

Read more
challengingbehavior.cbes.us...
Information For Child Care Programs on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) We understand staff, parents, and children may have questions and concerns about COVID-19.

[Read more](earlychildhood.marylandpubl...)

### Talking With Children:

TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS DURING INFECTIOUSDISEASE OUTBREAKS

[Read more](store.samhsa.gov)

### World Health Organization

Mental Health and Psychosocial Considerations During COVID-19 Outbreak

[Read more](www.who.int)

### Just for Kids:

A Comic Exploring the New Coronavirus

Kids, this comic is for you. It's based on a radio story that NPR education reporter Cory Turner did. He asked some experts what kids might want to know about the new coronavirus discovered in China.

[Read more](www.npr.org)

### TRAINING AND COACHING ACTIVITIES

In the month of March, training activities occurred in the following jurisdictions:

1. Harford County
2. Howard County
Coaching activities to support early intervention providers occurred in Baltimore City and 10 Public Pre-K classrooms were supported by direct SEFEL Pyramid Model Coaching in Harford and Montgomery counties. Also in Harford and Montgomery counties, 3 TPOTs were administered in Pre-K classrooms to support high fidelity implementation of the model.

**Help us tell our state story! Register for the state Outcomes Monitoring System (OMS) and start entering your training and coaching data today.

STATE LEADERSHIP TEAM

The self-assessments tool “State Leadership Team Benchmarks of Quality” has been conducted to assess progress and plan future action. It consist of 5 critical elements and subcategories that are crucial in assessing and exploring potential barriers in the implementation of Evidence Based Practices.

The State Leadership Team agreed that the overarching priority for collective work throughout the year was to focus on: Starting up implementation and then demonstration sites throughout the state and discussed the idea of regional hubs for this. This aligns with the work that MSDE funded SSIP funds have supported in Cecil, Howard, Frederick and Montgomery Counties as well as the MSDE funded Pyramid Model Master Cadre work.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Managing Infectious Diseases in Early Education and Child Care Settings:
A Learning and Training Tool
Before and During an Outbreak

Encourage your staff or community members to protect their personal health. Post the signs and symptoms of COVID-19: fever, cough, shortness of breath. Encourage people to stay home when sick. Clean surfaces...
Coronavirus Webinar: Resources for Child Care and Advice From the Field

Child Care Aware® of America has been hearing from Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies and child care providers who are looking for information...

Read more
www.youtube.com

STRATEGIES CORNER

10 Prop Box Ideas:
Mini Learning Centers at Home
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Bring the spirit of learning centers into your home with prop boxes-plastic bins or cardboard shoe boxes you fill with materials and props related to one topic, such as math or writing.

Read more
www.naeyc.org

Preschool Inspirations:
The Best Kid Yoga Videos

The Best Kid Yoga Videos

here. Kid Yoga videos are giving teachers and parents an incredible tool to help children learn to: I must admit I was a bit skeptical to jump on the kid yoga bandwagon. Did it really work? We started doing family yoga, and my kids loved it.

Read more
preschoolinspirations.com

Brain Building Resources
Vroom: Everyone has what it takes to be a Brain Builder!

Did you know that parents and caregivers already have what it takes to become brain builders with their children? This inspiring video illustrates this conce...

Read more
www.youtube.com

EARLY CHILDHOOD NEWS

Baby-sized Altruism

The surprising altruism of babies

Finding the best ways to do good. One of the most famous - if contentious - studies in social science is known as the marshmallow test. In the 1970s, that experiment probed kids' ability to delay gratification when faced with a yummy snack.

Read more
www.vox.com
Task Force Celebrates Release of Early Childhood Education Profession Framework

Facilitated by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), fifteen national organizations released the Unifying Framework for the Early Childhood Education Profession. The framework was released this week after...

Read more
www.fyf.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please email the PIEC Team to have any upcoming trainings or events you are hosting featured in the newsletter!
Webinar - All Hands on Deck: Defining the Role of Mental ...

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (IECMHC) is emerging as an evidence-based intervention for supporting young children’s social and emotional development and addressing challenging behaviors. IECMHC aims to improve the ability ...

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