

Nebraska



Mission statement: *Building a statewide support system for implementation of the Teaching Pyramid model in early childhood.*

Vision statement: *The early childhood social, emotional, and behavioral health needs of Nebraska's children are met.*

The Teaching Pyramid Steering Team work in Nebraska is part of FRIENDS (Fostering Relationships and Emotional Health to Nurture Developmental Success). FRIENDS promotes positive mental health development in young children.

What you should know about Nebraska ----

Web site: <http://ectc.education.ne.gov/partnerships/ecmh/pbs.htm>

Trainer Pool: Trainers are available across the state capable of training birth to five.

Coaching: A new Early Childhood Coach training has been developed and is being used to develop a cadre of coaches.

Demonstration sites: Four demonstration sites. Include child care, early childhood program in a school district, Head Start.

Mental Health consultation: Kid Squad goes into child care at their request and provides consultation based on the strategies of the Teaching Pyramid.

School districts: A limited number of school district early childhood programs are involved in training and coaching.

Self Assessment: A Nebraska developed three part assessment is used by programs to assist with ensuring that certain elements are in place prior to implementing the strategies of the Teaching Pyramid.

Results Matter: Nebraska's child and family outcomes system is linked to the Teaching Pyramid.

College work: A Nebraska Community College has developed a course around the CSEFEL material, this will be shared with the state community college system.

Additional support: through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ten additional sites received training and are receiving mental health consultation follow up.

What's next -----

Determining what data to collect and how.

Creative ways to reach more sites.

Creative ways to link the Teaching Pyramid to other projects and initiatives.

