



Pyramid Model Framework & Developmental Screening

Spring 2024 Progress Report

Every Child Thrives is a collaborative network of 60+ active and engaged community partners, whose vision is to ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive in health, learning and life. Every Child Thrives aligns the work and resources of many organizations (including Foundation strategic investments) to support three priority areas: Strong Families, Kindergarten Readiness and School Success.

PRIORITY:

Kindergarten Readiness

STRATEGY:

Provide great early learning opportunities for every child

WHAT IS THE PYRAMID MODEL?

The Pyramid Model is an evidence-based framework that emphasizes teaching essential social-emotional life skills. Every Child Thrives is investing in scaling up this proven model, training and coaching more participating childcare centers. Most

centers work 3 to 5 years to achieve fidelity, where Pyramid Model practices are used consistently—all teachers, all the time.



WHY INVEST?

Quality early learning experiences lay the foundation for lifelong wellbeing. Nearly 90% of brain growth takes place during the first five years of life. This "brain architecture" is formed through a child's interaction with caregivers. Studies show later success in school and life depends on the early development of cognitive

abilities and social-emotional life skills like communication, self-regulation and problem-solving.

Learn more about our work on the Pyramid Model framework at our website: watertownhealthfoundation.com.

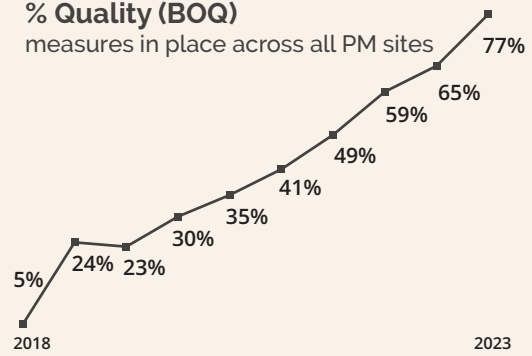


MORE CLASSROOMS ACHIEVED PYRAMID MODEL QUALITY BENCHMARKS

Ongoing training, coaching and support helped a growing percentage of Pyramid Model classrooms in moving the needle on Benchmarks of Quality, showing movement toward fidelity.

% Quality (BOQ)

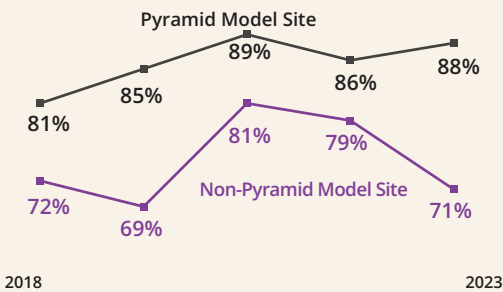
measures in place across all PM sites



Data source: BOQ measure reporting - PIDS data system. Note: BOQ (Benchmarks of Quality) are determined through direct program observation of measures such as: professional development and staff support, procedures for responding to challenging behaviors, and use of data for continuous improvement.

ASQ3 Communication

Percent above cut off: 0-48 mos. only



Data source: ASQ 3 developmental screening data. Screens in which the child scored above cut off in all domains.

CHILDREN IN PYRAMID MODEL CLASSROOMS SHOW GREATER READINESS FOR KINDERGARTEN

Data from Dodge and Jefferson Counties shows that children receiving early care and education in Pyramid Model classrooms showed greater competency across measures of developmental readiness in all categories except gross motor skills (where they showed equal competence).

Developmental Screening

WHY INVEST?

Screening helps families unlock critical knowledge about their child's development. Timely developmental screenings are key to identifying developmental delays early, when intervention can have the greatest benefits. Every Child Thrives is investing in the capacity of partner agencies to conduct screenings universally, adopt classroom practices to promote optimal development, and connect families to local resources.

1,312
screenings
conducted in 2022-23

Every Child Thrives partners conducted 1,312 screenings over the 2022-23 school year, helping to proactively identify children's needs and connect families to resources.

