



Midwest Pyramid Model Summit

November 5 - 6, 2025

Northern Illinois University Conference Center, Naperville, IL

CALL FOR PROPOSAL INFORMATION PACKET

Nebraska, along with our neighbors in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin invite you to submit a proposal to present at The ***Midwest Pyramid Model Summit***.

The Summit will explore the integration of the Pyramid Model framework at a systems level across various early childhood sectors. Aimed at advancing high-impact, sustainable implementation strategies, this event will focus on how the Pyramid Model, an evidence-based approach to promoting social and emotional development and positive behavior, can be effectively adapted and scaled in early childhood settings. This conference may offer:

- Insights on integrating the Pyramid Model across cross-sector systems
- Supporting implementation sites and leadership teams
- Effective strategies for building and sustaining partnerships between child care providers, administrators, and state-level partners
- Solutions to common challenges faced when adapting and scaling the Pyramid Model in diverse early childhood environments
- Strategies for training and supporting staff at all levels, including providers, mental health consultants, and administrators, to foster consistent implementation
- Program and classroom implementation of all tiers of the Pyramid Model

Whether you are directly involved in early childhood care, policy development, state-wide systems, or funding, this conference will provide a comprehensive understanding of how to drive systemic change through the Pyramid Model, ensuring that all children, especially those facing early adversity, receive the foundational support they need to thrive.

For questions please contact: Christen Million at cmillion@nebraskachildren.org

Please use this document to plan for completing the online Call for Proposals.

**Once you are ready to submit your proposal, please use the online form at:
Call for Proposals – [Midwest Pyramid Model Summit](#)**

All proposals are due no later than April 30, 2025

Section 1: Conference Information

- Breakout sessions are 75 minutes (1 hour 10 mins) in length.
- Extended breakout sessions are available and are 150 minutes (2 hours 30 minutes) in length.
- Primary Presenters will receive one free registration to the Midwest Pyramid Model Summit.
- Sessions are limited to one primary presenter and one co-presenter.
- Presenters will be responsible for travel expenses, including overnight accommodations, mileage, and food. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on both days.
- Handouts will be provided electronically through the CVENT app. Presenters will be responsible for providing any printed handouts needed for their session.
- If selected, presenters must submit a photo.
- All rooms will have a screen, projector VCR, Elmo document projector, white board, flip chart, desktop computer w/ high speed internet, wireless mouse, CD/DVD player, laptop hook up cables. All equipment is wired to ceiling mounted LCD projector, microphone, sound system.

Conference Venue: Located in Chicago's Western Suburbs, the NIU Naperville Conference Center is super convenient, versatile, with ample free parking. Its proximity to downtown Naperville makes it convenient for visitors, with access to local restaurants, hotels, and other services. Its closeness to Chicago makes it easily accessible via major highways, including I-88, and I-55. For those flying in, it is conveniently located near Chicago's major airports; O'Hare and Midway International Airports are approximately 40 minutes away.

Conference Schedule: *schedule may be subject to change.*

Wednesday, November 5th Sessions:

- Morning Breakout Session – 10:45AM – 12:00PM
- Afternoon Breakout Session – 1:00PM – 2:15PM
- Afternoon Breakout Session – 2:30PM – 3:45PM

Thursday, November 6th Sessions:

- Morning Breakout Session – 9:00AM – 10:15AM
- Morning Breakout Session – 10:45AM – 12:00PM
- Afternoon Breakout Session – 1:00PM – 2:15PM
- Afternoon Breakout Session – 2:30PM – 3:45PM

Overnight Accommodations: Naperville is surrounded by a wide variety of overnight accommodations to suit the needs of guests. Whether looking for luxurious stays, comfortable mid-range options, or budget-friendly choices, visitors can find convenient lodging close by. Once confirmed as a presenter, the final list of room blocks will be shared with you.

Section 2: Primary Presenter Information

Primary Presenter Information	
Presenter Name	
What State are you representing?	
Email Address	
Phone	
Organization	
Organization Address	
Title	
Ethnicity* <i>response optional</i>	
Race* <i>response optional</i>	
Gender* <i>response optional</i>	
Please list any accommodations you need as a presenter.	

Primary Presenter: What role(s) most closely resembles your current position? (Choose up to Two)	
• Child Care Center Administrator • Family Child Care Provider • Program Center or Family Child Care Staff • Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health • Consultant • Coordinator (education, family, health, child care network, etc.)	• Training and Technical Assistance (trainer, coach, mentor, specialist, assessor, etc.) • Public Policy • Research • School-based Administrator • Higher Education • Pyramid Model Support (Coach, Leadership Team, Behavior Specialist, Data, etc.)
• Other:	

Primary Presenter: List up to five presentations you have delivered including titles, dates, and event name. Please highlight Pyramid Model trainings.		
Presentation Title	Date(s)	Event Title

Primary Presenter: Please provide a short history of your work with Pyramid Model and/or supporting the social-emotional development of children.

Primary Presenter: Please provide a short biography for publicity purposes – <i>limit to 1,000 characters</i>

If you have a co-presenter, please continue to Section 3: Co-presenter Information. Please note, sessions are limited to one co-presenter. If you do not have a co-presenter, please move to Section 4: Session Details

Section 3: Co-Presenter Information

Co-Presenter Information – <i>limit of one co-presenter</i>	
Co-Presenter Name	
Email Address	
Phone	
Organization	
Organization Address	
Title	
Ethnicity* <i>response optional</i>	
Race* <i>response optional</i>	
Gender* <i>response optional</i>	
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Section 4: Session Details

Session Details		
Session Title <i>(100 characters or less)</i>		
Session Description <i>(1000 characters or less)</i>		
Length of Session	• Breakout Session – 75 minutes/1 hour and 15 minutes • Extended Breakout Session – 150 minutes/2.5 hours	
Session Objectives		
Language of Presentation	• English • Spanish • Other:	
Who is the target audience for your presentation? Select all that apply	• Practitioners of Infants and Toddlers • Practitioners of Preschool-Aged Children • School Age Care • Practitioners of Children with Special Needs • Head Start or Early Head Start Employees • Home Providers and Staff • Center Employees • Practitioner/Internal Coaches	• Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants • Program Administrators, Directors, Owners • Policy and Regulatory Staff • Training/Technical Assistance Providers • Program/External Coaches • Family Members/Family Advocates • State Leads/Administrators • Other:

Topic: Please select up to 2 topics that best reflect your presentation.	• Advocacy/Public Policy • Behavior Incident Reports • Braided Funding • Child Development • Classroom Best Practices • Classroom Wide Implementation • Community-Wide Implementation • Data-Based Decision Making • Emotional Literacy • Expulsion/Suspension • Family Child Care • Family Engagement	• Inclusionary Practices • Implementation/Process Coaching • Intergenerational Issues • Practice-Based Coaching • Program Readiness • Pyramid Model Framework • Relationships • Social-Emotional Development • Statewide Leadership Team • Tier 1 Supports • Tier 2 Supports • Tier 3 Supports • Trauma-informed Care
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Section 5: Scheduling

Scheduling	
<i>Please select the day(s) you are available to present.</i>	
Wednesday, November 5 th – Morning Wednesday, November 5 th – Afternoon	
Thursday, November 6 th – Morning Thursday, November 6 th – Afternoon	
Are you willing to deliver your presentation on both days?	

Section 7: Signature

Typed Signature:	
Date:	
Electronic Form: Call for Proposals - Midwest Pyramid Model Summit For questions please contact: Christen Million at cmillion@nebraskachildren.org All proposals are due no later than April 30, 2025	