



## **Exploring the Pyramid Model Framework**

iSocial, in collaboration with the Pyramid Model State Leadership Team, has developed a 3-part virtual series called: [Exploring the Pyramid Model Framework Virtual Work Series](#). This series is designed for child care, school district and private preschool programs to learn more about the Pyramid Model Framework (PMF). This multi-part series is intended to be an entry point for those interested in exploring the PMF. It provides information, tools and resources to support exploration and to determine if it is a good fit for a program considering implementation. Being “ready to implement” the PMF may take additional time and support but this Exploration Series is a good “starting off” point.

### **Supporting a Missing Step**

iSocial Process Coaches, along with the Leadership Teams they support, have spent a great deal of time reflecting on what they wished they would have known when they first started implementing the Pyramid Model Framework. One of their reflections was that Teams wished they knew “exactly what they were getting themselves into.” Translation - they wish they had known more about what it really takes to implement the Pyramid Model Framework before jumping in with both feet. Were programs really “ready” to implement the Pyramid Model Framework?

Impact Monadnock was the first iSocial Community Collaborative to work with programs in their community to learn more about their readiness to implement the Pyramid Model. Working with an iSocial Master Process Coach and Aimee Ackley from the Pyramid Model Consortium, Impact Monadnock implemented a 3-part Readiness Series to support interested programs in learning more about the work and assessing their capacity to implement. Participation was a requirement prior to applying to be an implementation site. This series was then replicated and available to all iSocial Community Collaboratives to support their efforts to scale and expand Pyramid Model implementation in their communities. The Child Care Director’s Network of Coos County took the Readiness Series a step further not only making it virtual, but incorporating it into their annual Child Care Summit, scheduled for Spring of 2022 to support programs in their region in exploring their readiness for Pyramid Model implementation.

Incorporating lessons learned from current iSocial implementation sites along with input from the Pyramid Model State Leadership Team, the Office of Social Emotional Wellness, the Bureau of Child Development and Head Start Collaboration and the Bureau of Special Education Support, this virtual series will support programs through exploration with a variety of tools, activities and resources to take the next step. The series also meets the requirements for child care programs in Level 1 of the Pyramid Model Pathway of the QRIS/GSQ (Quality Rating and Improvement System/Granite Steps for Quality).

We are very excited to see how this series can support Community Collaboratives and Regional Early Childhood Coalitions in furthering their Pyramid Model work! The series will be available on the [iSocial Google Site](#) soon!