

# Preventing Health and Safety Concerns

Understanding how to support children in  
your care and safe environments for all.

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# Let's kick this off with a share

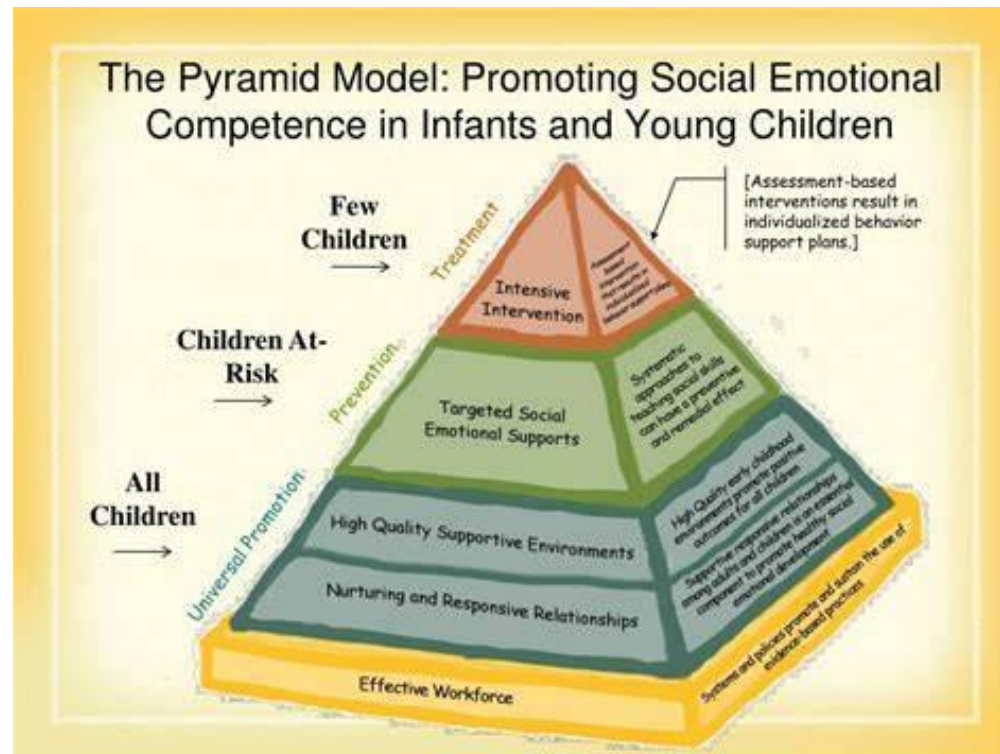
- A time when a child's behavior in your program compromised health and safety.
- Identify potential motivators of that behavior.



# Focus for Today's Session

- Focus on prevention of behaviors that challenge us and affect the health and safety of our programs;
- Discuss motivators of these behaviors and possible preventive measures;
- Explore creating safe risk spaces in classrooms that promote children's development while keeping safety in mind.

# Important of Effective Workforce and Relationships





# Relationships are Key!

- You are teaching children how to Interact with the rest of the world
- Building repertoire
  - What is right with each child?
- Keeping it positive
- Creating opportunities for co-regulation/self-regulation
- Special jobs and safety planning
- Understanding big emotions



# Trauma-Informed

- Everyone is doing the best they can
- Compassion and empathy
- Identifying and avoiding triggers
- Interact with nature
- Calming areas
- Infuse moments of mindfulness





# The Environment's Role

- Honoring children's developing bodies
- Allowing ample time for movement
- Making it ALL fun and engaging
- Preparing for transitions (with the child in mind)



# Adapting OUR Environment to Meet THEIR Needs



Discuss safety considerations



# Children's Rights

- Promote their interests
- Encourage autonomy/independence
- Support temperament/characteristics
- Encourage cultural responsiveness
- Create harmony/joy/positive memories/peace
- Explore creativity



# Action Planning

- Take a few moments to discuss
  - Next steps
  - Strategy
  - Take-a-ways from today's session
- Final questions/concerns





# Thank you for attending!!

Enjoy the rest of your conference experience.