## What Exactly Is A "Framework?"

**Understanding the Pyramid Model Framework** 



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A set of beliefs, ideas or rules that is used as the basis for making judgements, decisions, etc.



The Pyramid Model is a framework of evidence-based practices for promoting young children's healthy social and emotional development. In this context, a framework is a structured and systematic approach for incorporating scientific evidence into decision-making processes. The goal of the Pyramid Model framework is to ensure that practices, policies, procedures, and systems are informed by the best available evidence, clinical expertise, the context, participant values, and continuous monitoring and data collection. Frameworks are different from curricula because the specific practices and policies are flexible and adaptable with a focus on building systems that are always sustaining and scaling up implementation. In this way, the Pyramid Model helps bridge the gap between research and practice and promotes the use of evidence to inform decision-making and improve the quality of services



Virginia is committed to improving and sustaining the implementation of evidencedbased practices when supporting children and families through early intervention services. The Pyramid Model Framework aligns with Virginia's principles and practices and allows practitioners the flexibility to use their expertise and the research and resources of the Pyramid Model Framework to support individualized positive social-emotional development of all children.





