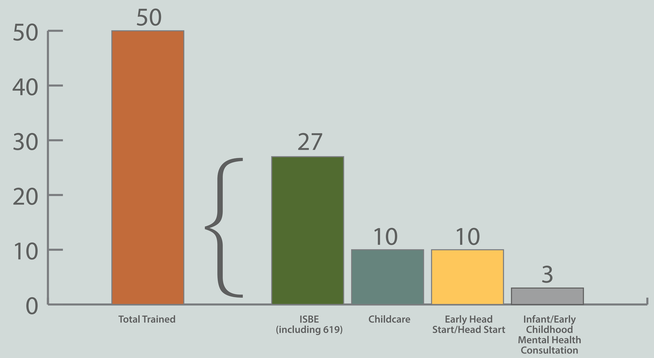
Pyramid Model Builds a Foundation in Illinois

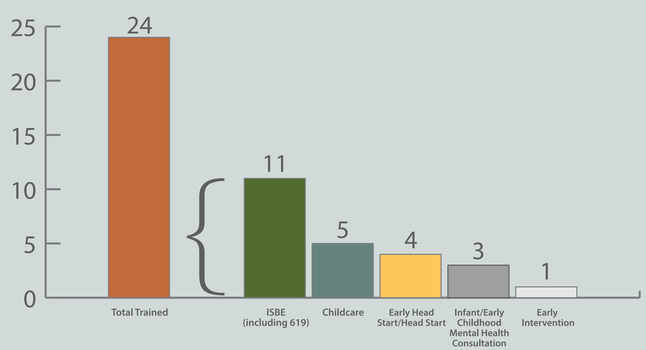
In 2017, Illinois began its much anticipated journey into implementing the Pyramid Model across the state. While the journey is in its early stages, much has been accomplished since the project was launched, specifically around (a) the training of trainers and offering online E-Pyramid Modules across the state; (b) building collaborations across systems; and (c) implementing a multipronged plan to ensure the Pyramid Model work will continue to grow and sustain for years to come.

Building Capacity in T/TA Systems

In 2017, Illinois trained **50 individuals** in the Pyramid Model Early Childhood **Training of Trainers (TOT)** across the following birth-5 Training/Technical Assistance (T/TA) systems.



In 2018, with funding from the Federal Preschool Development Grant - Expansion, Illinois launched its first **Pyramid Model Master Cadre of 24 individuals** across birth-5 T/TA systems.



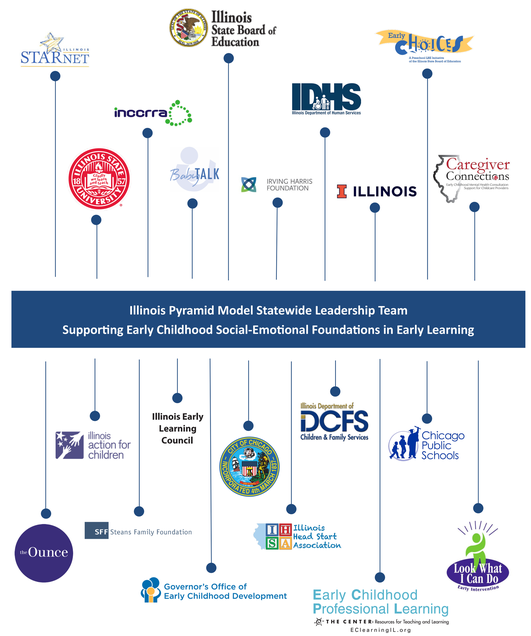
Online E-Pyramid Modules & Virtual Coaching

In the spring of 2018, Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) offered Preschool For All grantees the opening to utilize a one-time funding opportunity to apply for funds to access the Pyramid Modules for the summer 2018.

- 450 staff participated
- Summer of 2018 completed e-modules
- Focus on 2 modules: Universal and Secondary interventions
- 12 hours of e-modules content
- 45 cohorts received virtual coaching 2 times a month
- Received 18 hours of Professional Development credit

Building a Collaborative System

Illinois' Pyramid Model operates under the leadership of the Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development in collaboration with 21 agencies who lead the charge for building capacity in social emotional competence for children birth-5.



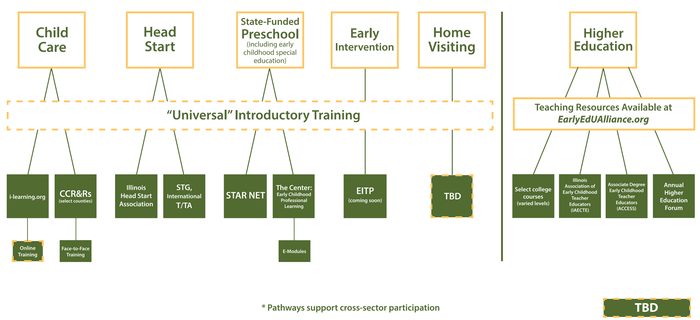
Suspension & Expulsion Legislation

In 2017, Illinois passed groundbreaking legislation prohibiting expulsion from early childhood programs and the Pyramid Model is a resource to support programs.

Illinois has a statewide effort around Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation that is collaborating with the Pyramid Model.

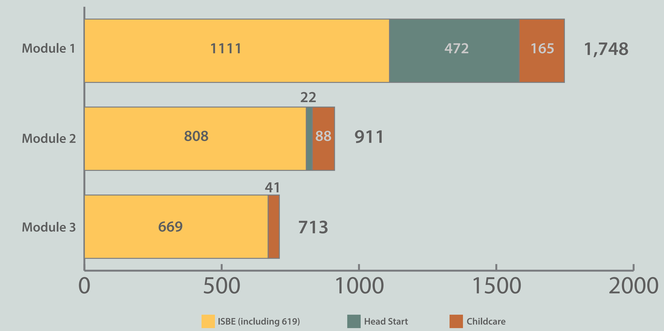
Pathways* to Access

(Practitioners Serving Children Under 6)

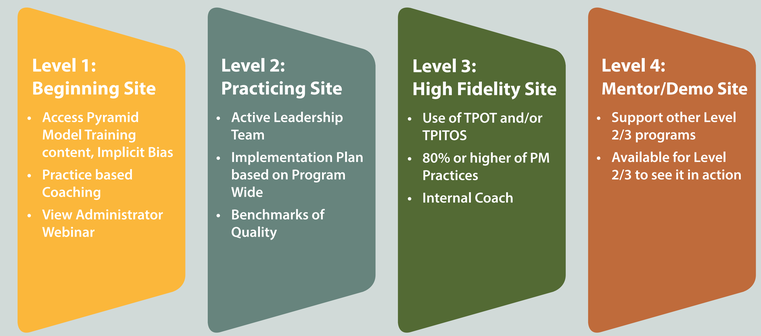


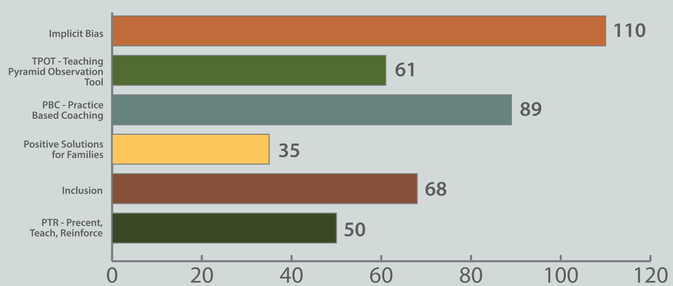
Building Capacity in Programs

Illinois has many statewide professional development systems that have committed to training their staff on the **Pyramid Model Modules. Nearly 1,750 individuals have been trained in Module 1**, and more than 700 have been trained in all three Modules.



Levels of Implementation



Pilot: Program Wide Implementation Preschool Development Grant-Expansion (PDG-E)

In 2017, 22 (79%) of PDG-E programs choose to engage in a pilot that offers targeted training and leadership supports for Program-Wide Implementation. Since August 2017, pilot sites received 396 hours of external coaching to their leadership teams. People trained in the PDG-E pilot across the 22 programs.