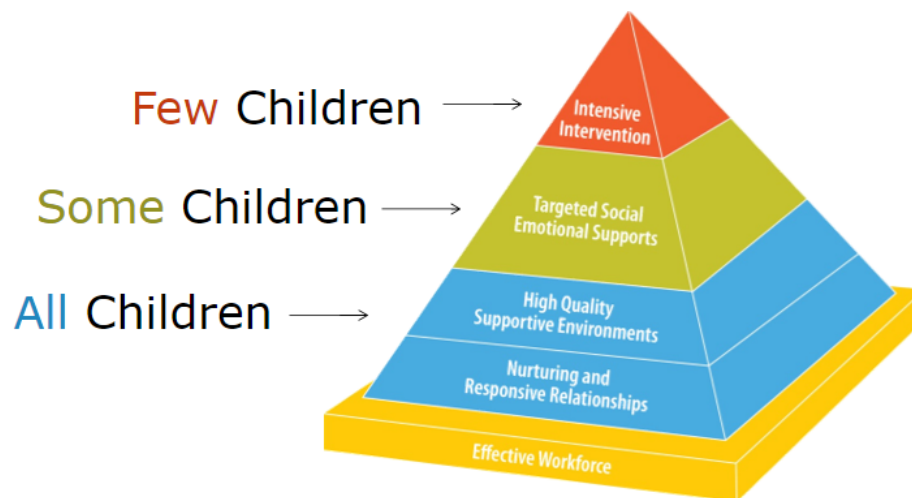


Pyramid Model

The Pyramid Model is a research informed framework upholding best professional practices to create high quality, inclusive early learning and child care environments. Through educator's implementation of Pyramid Model practices, all children are supported in natural settings, with opportunities for meaningful participation in everyday routines that ensure each child's full citizenship in their community program

The Pyramid Model acknowledges the importance of an **effective workforce**, where educators are well-educated and supported, as the foundation for quality learning and care programs.



Universal Supports for all children: **Building Positive Relationships and High-Quality Supportive Environments**

- Children learn in the context of trusting and supportive relationships
- Schedules, routines and supportive transitions
- Promoting children's engagement and interactions
- Providing directions
- Collaborative teaming and teaching behavior expectations

Targeted Supports for some children: **Intentional Teaching of Social and Emotional Skills**

- Friendship skills and problem solving
- Recognize and express emotions (managing strong emotions)
- Regulation strategies to understand and respond to stress
- Social skills and emotional competence
- Connecting with and involving families

Individualized Supports for a few children: **Intensive Intervention (Positive Behavior Support Plan)**

- Working as a team with families, educators and other professionals
- Effective strategies for observations and making meaning of child's communication
- Supporting child and adults to learn new skills
- Strategies to prevent future challenging behavior

For more information: <https://challengingbehavior.cbcs.usf.edu/>

ASaP Program and Resources

In Alberta, the ASaP Program (Access, Support and Participation), operated by GRIT, Edmonton, partners with licensed childcare centres that commit to enhancing the quality of inclusive early learning and care for all children, through implementation of the evidence-based Pyramid Model.

By providing early childhood educators with access to the right supports at the right time, educators build their skills and confidence to ensure the meaningful inclusion and participation of all children.

For more information and links to resources: <https://asapgrit.ca/>