Resources for Educators

These resources include a collection of websites, articles, strategies, materials/tools to enhance intentionally teaching social and emotional skills while also supporting positive behavior in an early learning setting.

Classroom Implementation Resources

Pyramid Model Practices Implementation Checklist:
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b6af3b236099ba883a28b1e/t/5e9747993a2d0d7c483649b4/1586972570113/Implementation+Checklist+4-9-2020.pdf

Child Development – Social and Emotional Skills
Infant Toddler Play Skills: https://challengingbehavior.org/document/development-of-play-skills-for-infants-and-toddlers/
Social and Emotional Developmental Continuum: https://challengingbehavior.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/continuum_se_indicators.pdf

Building Relationships:
Building Positive Relationships with Young Children:
https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/building-positive-relationships-with-young-children.pdf

Planning for Responsive Caregiving:
file:///U:/Pyramid%20Model/Implementation_planning_relationship.pdf

Descriptive Feedback Phrases:
file:///U:/Pyramid%20Model/Descriptive%20Feedback%20Language%20starter%20phrases.pdf

Greeting Board: https://challengingbehavior.org/document/greeting-board-english-blank/

Positive Feedback starter phrases:
https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/ToolsBuildingRelationships_starters-for-giving-positive-feedback.pdf

Rules and Expectations:
Behavior Expectations: https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/Expectations_EN-SP.pdf

Lanyard Visuals: file:///U:/Pyramid%20Model/Visuals/LanyardVisuals.pdf

Communication is Key: https://challengingbehavior.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/communication_is_key.pdf

Stop and Go Activity
https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/Stop-Go_Activity.pdf

What Do We Do In Circle Time scripted story:
https://challengingbehavior.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/What-We-Do-in-Circle_Story.pdf

Family Engagement:
Talking with Families about developmental concerns:
https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/pdf/parents_pdfs/tipstalkingparents.pdf

Introducing Tucker Turtle to Families: https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/TuckerTurtle_letter.pdf

Transitions:
Transition cards file:///U:/Pyramid%20Model/Transition%20cards.pdf

First Then https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/Routine_cards_home.pdf

Cleaning Up My Toys scripted story
https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/ScriptedStory_CleanUp.pdf

Environments:
Planning for Responsive Environments
file:///U:/Pyramid%20Model/Implementation_practice_environment.pdf

Making Time for Play
https://hechingerreport.org/twenty-six-studies-point-to-more-play-for-young-children/

Teaching Emotions:
Helping Children Control Anger and Handle Disappointment:
https://challengingbehavior.org/document/helping-young-children-control-anger-and-handle-disappointment/

Calm Down Strategies: https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/Calm-Down_Poster_EN.pdf

Feelings Playdough Mats file:///U:/Pyramid%20Model/FeelingFaces_mats.pdf

Feelings Thermometer: file:///U:/Pyramid%20Model/Feelings%20Thermometer%20Wisconsin.pdf

I Can Name Feelings Scripted Story:
file:///U:/Pyramid%20Model/Social%20Stories/I%20Can%20Name%20Feelings2.pdf

Introducing Turtle Technique: https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/TuckerTurtle_letter.pdf

The Turtle Technique: https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/TurtleTechnique_steps.pdf

Tucker Takes Time to Tuck and Think scripted story:
https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/TuckerTurtle_Story.pdf

I Thought Like a Turtle Family Note:
file:///U:/Pyramid%20Model/I%20thought%20like%20a%20turtle%20today%20family%20note.pdf

Teaching Friendship Skills:
Strategies for Supporting the Development of Friendship Skills
https://challengingbehavior.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/strategies_dev_friendship_skills.pdf

I Can Be a Super Friend Scripted Story
https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/SuperFriend_Story.pdf

Problem Solving:
We Can Be Problem Solvers resources to share
https://www.pyramidmodel.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Problem-Solving-Resources-Flyer.pdf

We Can Be Problem Solvers Scripted Story:
https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/ProblemSolving_Story.pdf

Problem Solving Steps poster:
https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/SocialEmotionalSkills_problem-solving-steps_poster.pdf

Solution cards:
https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/SocialEmotionalSkills_solution-kit_cue-cards.pdf
file:///U:/Pyramid%20Model/Visuals/Solution%20kit/alternative%20solutions.pdf
file:///U:/Pyramid%20Model/Visuals/Solution%20kit/More%20Solutions.pdf

Suri Spider Selects a Solution scripted story
https://challengingbehavior.org/docs/Suri-Spider_Story_EN.pdf

Data Collection (for Pyramid Model Implementing Sites)
Behavior Incident Report - https://challengingbehavior.org/implementation/data-decision-making/birs/

Agency Supports: * See our community resources page for additional agency supports.

City of Madison Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation
https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/community-development/children-youth/infant-early-childhood-mental-health-consultation

Early Childhood Inclusion:
Department of Children and Families Early Childhood Inclusion
https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/eci

Early Intervention:
[Early Identification/Screening](#)
- MMSD – Early Childhood Request for Assistance
  https://www.madison.k12.wi.us/special-education/special-ed-services/early-childhood/early-childhood-request-for-assistance-child-find
- MMSD- Homeless Services – Transition Education Program (TEP)
  https://www.madison.k12.wi.us/support-services/homeless-services-transition-education-program-tep
- Birth to Three: Family Services of Madison (for families residing in Madison)
  https://fsmad.org/index.php/services/birth-to-three-services/

Early Childhood Health Consultation:
https://echc.wisc.edu/services/

Prevent Blindness: https://wisconsin.preventblindness.org/vision-services-and-programs-children-wisconsin/

Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health:
https://wiaimh.org/pyramid-model-home

[Well Badger Resource Center](#) (formerly First Step Wisconsin)
- Phone: 1-800-642-7837