



Dear Parent/Guardian:

You may or may not be aware that over the last year or so our county has started taking steps to improve the social and emotional outcomes for young children birth to age 8. One of the activities that is part of this work is starting to carry out the Pyramid Model in childcare centers and family childcare homes. As a result, I have chosen to do the Pyramid Model in my program. The Pyramid Model is an approach for supporting and teaching social and emotional skills to young children. If you want to learn more about the Pyramid Model you can visit csefel.vanderbilt.edu.

In the coming months you may begin to see a new face in our program, this is my Pyramid Coach. She will be working with me over the next two years on the following areas:

- Relationships with children
- Setting up the environment
- Starting and maintaining rules & expectations
- Setting and following a schedule with stable transitions and routines
- Using praise and positive reinforcement with children
- Promoting child interaction and teaching friendship skills
- Teaching social and emotional skills (such as identifying and managing feelings & conflicts)
- Working on difficult behaviors
- Sharing information with families

This will be hard work but I am excited about it and am looking forward to making positive changes with the help of my coach. Please let me know if you have any questions at this time and I will do my best to answer them.

To learn more about the Rooted in Relationships Initiative underway in our county or to find contact information for our local coordinator you can visit rootedinrelationships.org.

Sincerely,