

## Rooted in Relationships Provider Collaboration Meetings

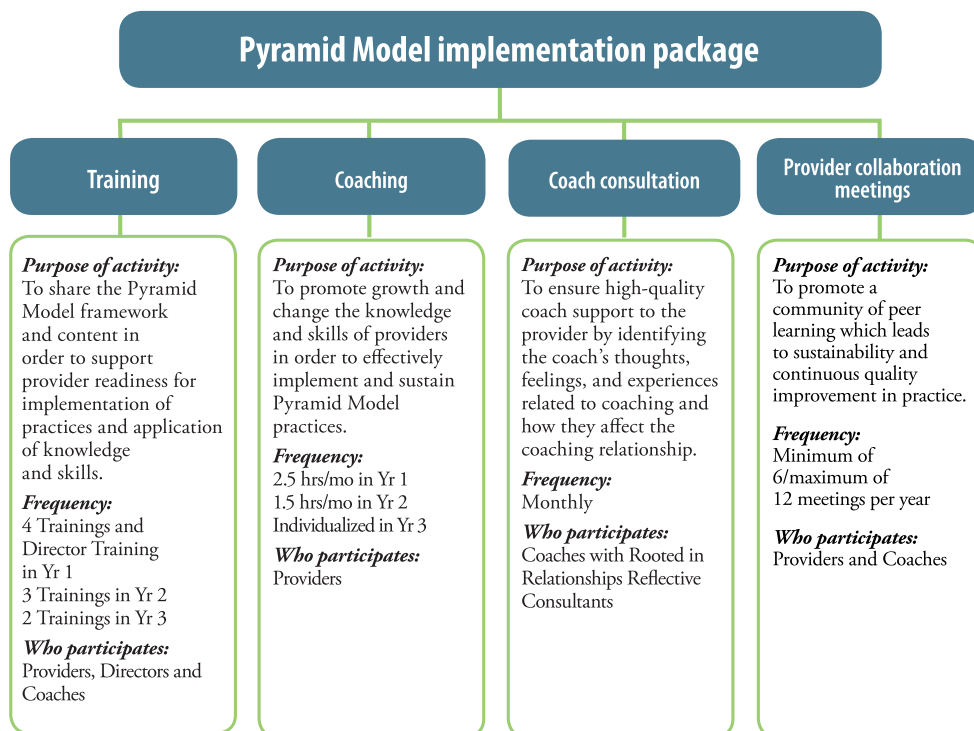
**Purpose:** To promote a community of peer learning which leads to sustainability and continuous quality improvement in practice.

**Frequency:** 6-12 meetings per year.

**Who participates:** Providers and coaches

A critical component in the implementation and sustainability of the Pyramid Model is the formation of a leadership team. Due to the nature of community-based child care, a traditional leadership team, such as one formed within a school building, is not feasible. When implementing the Pyramid model in community child care settings the providers themselves are the leaders, therefore provider collaboration meetings serve as a community leadership team. Initially, Pyramid model coaches support the leadership teams, with the goal of full leadership and support of the team transitioning to the provider community over the course of the three-year project.

Pyramid Model implementation, within the Rooted in Relationships package, consists of four strands. The Provider Collaboration Meetings are the fourth strand of the implementation. All four components hold equal weight in a successful implementation plan.





**Considerations when planning Provider Collaboration Meetings:**

- Meetings should be at least one hour long and should be separate from trainings.
- Meeting topics should be related to Pyramid trainings and have a focus on social emotional learning
- Providers are supported to lead the meetings.
  - Meetings can use a tiered approach, where coaches lead the first year, then coaches and providers lead together the second year, and finally providers lead independently during the third year.
  - Communities can contact other coaching teams in Rooted to help get ideas and suggestions for Provider Collaboration Meetings. Please see Community Contact Map for contact information.

**Some things that providers have to say about the benefits of provider collaboration meetings:**

- *“the collaborative is a great forum to seek advice”*
- *“Hearing about others success makes you want to try it”*
- *“Being the only care giver in my setting can feel lonely-the collaboration meetings help with this”*
- *“It’s a support group”*
- *“The group has gotten really close”*
- *“Collab meetings are great, We like supporting each other rather than competing with each other”*