

## CONSIDERATIONS FOR SELECTING WHO TO SUPPORT ATTENDING NTI

One important discussion you will have with your stakeholder and Pyramid work groups is how you will select coaches, providers or stakeholders to attend the National Training Institute on Effective Practices (NTI): Addressing Challenging Behavior. Rooted in Relationships asks that communities' budget for at least two individuals attend the conference each year. Attendance is a privilege, and every effort needs to be made to ensure that funds are utilized in a responsible manner.

### Costs to consider (based on 2023 estimates)

- Conference Registration fee - \$525.00
- Airfare
- Lodging - Group rates per night are offered at the conference site
- Meals for travel days and evening meals only for conference days when breakfast and lunch are provided. GSA meal rates should be utilized.
- Ground transportation to and from the airport
- RiR funds cannot be utilized to pay for contractors' time to attend (A stipend for child care providers would be allowable).

### Some things to consider when selecting a coach, provider, or other stakeholder to attend NTI:

- Is the attendee eager to learn about and implement Pyramid Model Strategies?
- Is the attendee willing to share the information with community members (i.e. at stakeholder/provider collaboration meetings, etc.) to build capacity around Pyramid Model strategies?
- Is the attendee planning to continue in a role that would allow him/her to implement or support others to implement Pyramid Model strategies?
- Will the attendee commit to attending all sessions at the conference?
- Have all Rooted coaches in your community had the opportunity to attend?
- Is the coach currently fulfilling coaching duties: entering data, attending coach meetings, reflective consultation calls, provider collaboration meetings, and trainings?
- Due to training availability in Nebraska, pre-training conferences are usually not expected/encouraged, reach out to your TA if interested.

*NTI is an engaging and organized conference in a beautiful location. Attending NTI gives you new ideas that can be taken back and implemented right away. At NTI you have an opportunity to network with providers and coaches throughout the country, ensuring that you leave feeling that you are "in the know" in the world of pyramid. Cannot recommend it enough!"*  
**Janie—Coach**

*The sessions I attended at conference gave me insight into introductory Pyramid Model topics which helped me understand implementation on a deeper level. I also learned valuable information regarding the wellness and health of the early child care providers who I coordinate. I believe this has helped me become more understanding of their struggles and allowed me to garner more support for them during our implementation.*  
**Megan—Rooted Coordinator**

### General Information about NTI:

- NTI is a three-day conference held in Tampa, Florida. The conference is typically held in April.
- Registration typically opens in October. Due to high interest the conference fills up quickly. Early registration is encouraged.
- The Institute offers an opportunity to increase skills, build a network of colleagues, and become part of a growing national professional community who use the Pyramid Model.
- The Institute brings together experts from around the country who skillfully present practical, ready-to-use information on social and emotional development.
- **Some communities have chosen to use a Memorandum of Understanding to ensure that attendees will attend the full conference and share the information with others in the community upon return.**

### Idea for selecting individuals from your community to attend

Keith County providers put a ticket in a bucket at every provider collaboration meeting and every training they attended. At the first training of Year 2, a name was drawn for one of the providers to attend. They paid for all travel, registration, and a small stipend for the week since they would miss work.