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**ECDA launches PEI Pyramid to Retention: A Mentoring Culture, Supporting the inclusion and well-being of children, families, and workforce Island wide.**

**Charlottetown** – The Early Childhood Development Association of Prince Edward Island is excited to announce the introduction of the Pyramid Model Project. The Pyramid Model is a framework of evidence-based practices that aims to build relationships between educators, families, and children. The Pyramid Model framework will be used to enhance current programs that promote the well-being, social and emotional development of children in the early years all the while strengthening our workforce.

“This innovative program will further enhance services for Island children, families, and educators while continuing to raise the bar of quality for PEI’s Early Childhood system,” said Jennifer Nangreaves, Executive Director of the Early Childhood Development Association. Through specialized professional training, mentoring relationships, access to tools and resources, Early Childhood Educators will enhance their skills, confidence, and knowledge to include and support all children and families in their programs.

“The federal government is committed to supporting the childcare sector in searching for new innovative ideas and practical solutions to transform childcare and better support children and parents now, and for generations to come,” said Karina Gould, federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development. Projects like the Pyramid Model help support the complex needs of children ages birth to five, and their families thrive in challenging environments and experiences. We will continue to deliver on our investments to make high-quality early learning and childcare affordable, accessible, and inclusive.

The Pyramid Model, through strength-focused mentorship and professional development, will support educators to expand and build on their skills to attune to children’s social and emotional development and well-being. Data collection and analysis will guide the implementation of evidence-based practices to enhance inclusive environment. Trained Pyramid Model Mentors will build collaborative partnerships with Early Childhood Educators, Early Childhood Centres and families to ensure high-quality supportive environments for children.

Interested Early Learning Centres can contact the Pyramid Model Coordinator by emailing [pyramidmodel@ecdaofpei.ca](mailto:pyramidmodel@ecdaofpei.ca). Pyramid to Retention: A Mentoring Culture is funded in part by the Government of Canada’s Early Learning and Child Care Innovation Program.

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