

The Piramide Method of Early Learning: Taking Teaching and Learning to the Next Level

July 27-29, 2010

The Piramide Learning Studio, Atlanta, Georgia



The Piramide Method for Early Learning: Taking Teaching and Learning to the Next Level explores ways to enrich current teaching practices to establish security, inspire a love of learning, and ensure the best outcomes for every child. The event provides an introduction to the cornerstones of the *Piramide Method of Early Learning* facilitated by experts on the method and will include information related to the educational standards embedded in Head Start. Widely used in the Netherlands as well as in Japan, Germany, Belgium, and in pilot sites in Atlanta, Georgia and Birmingham, Alabama, the *Piramide Method* is grounded in the theories and research of major early childhood education pioneers and emphasizes creating a solid, secure base for children to love learning.

The research-based *Piramide Method of Early Learning* challenges early childhood teachers to understand cycles of learning, planning, and effective practices. It more deeply and broadly explores the child's sense of curiosity and appetite for exploring the world around them. Families are an integral part of the method and are important partners in their children's preschool program. The method encourages teachers to question their preconceptions of how children learn which often has a transformative impact on their teaching practices. The *Piramide Method of Early Learning* also focuses on how the child and teacher influence each other; the initiative of the child as explorer and learner is balanced with the initiative of the teacher to offer experiences that tap into each child's interests, knowledge, and motivation to learn.

You will be involved in active learning experiences and guided through a facilitated process that reflects on the methodology and explores practical strategies for applying the information to support and complement observations, assessment, and curriculum. This event will greatly benefit preschool teaching staff, lead teachers, center directors, supervisors, managers, and coordinators who seek to enhance their professional practice with children. You will work in a highly interactive format, and **the session is limited to only 30 participants** in order to guarantee personal attention. You'll also visit a center that has implemented the method; observe children taking part in a range of learning opportunities; and watch teachers as they work to transform the children's learning experiences. A discussion forum with teachers and managers from the center will also be conducted.

PLEASE NOTE: The training will be held at the **Piramide Learning Studio** located at **659 Auburn Avenue, Southeast, Suite 256** in Atlanta, Georgia. Upon registering for the event, you will receive a confirmation that includes directions to the training site and additional information and details on hotels near the training site. **Participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the training site; hotels can provide information on taxis and local ground transportation.**

The Standard Registration Fee is \$495 per person. Members of *T/TAS@Your Service* may qualify for the Subscriber Rate of \$475 per person. (Some restrictions may apply based on the level of subscription; visit www.ttas.org/ays.html for information on how to become a subscriber.) For details on registering, including information on earning 1.8 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for this event, please see page 3.

Learning Outcomes

Participants will review and discuss professional teaching principles that complement and support current best practices in the Head Start program and learn to use strategies that enhance, strengthen, and deepen effective teaching and learning in a Head Start setting.

Participants will better understand the *Piramide Method of Early Learning* as a framework for early care and learning.

Participants will explore the four cornerstones of the *Piramide Method of Early Learning* and develop plans to broaden and deepen experiences and opportunities for young children in Head Start classrooms

Participants will observe a *Piramide* classroom and meet with program staff currently using the method.

For more information, call 800-882-7482 or visit www.ttas.org

Your Presenters



Donna Donnelly has spent her whole life helping others find balance and joy in their lives. With a BA and MA in Education, she has been an inspiring, “out-of-the-box” teacher at the preschool, elementary, high school, and university levels. Her company, Life Guides, Inc., offers light-hearted presentations that get serious results for school districts, Fortune 500 companies, non-profits, social workers, and Head Start teachers and administrators.



For over 30 years, **Terry Gibney** has blended his passions for the field of acting and the field of early learning into a career that honors both. Terry previously worked with Head Start as a facilitator at Summits in Alabama and Georgia and at the annual Challenging Teachers Institute. He received his training in the *Piramide Method of Early Learning* directly from Dr. Jef van Kuyk in the Netherlands and has worked with *Piramide* in the U.S. since its inception.



Sandra Knox is a senior early learning specialist for *Piramide* with over 20 years experience in early childhood education. She draws on her experience as teacher, administrator and trainer to research and develop products for *Piramide*. Sandra also supports Head Start staff in the implementation of *Piramide* at a demonstration site. She also works as a visual artist and served as atelierista for a Reggio-inspired school.



Luis A. Hernandez, T/TAS Early Childhood Education Specialist, will act as a facilitator and liaison for the event. Luis focuses on a wide range of early childhood and professional development topics and is a regular presenter and speaker at national, state, and local conferences.

Hotel Accommodations

Upon registering for the event, you will receive additional information and details on hotels near the training site. Registrants are responsible for securing their own hotel accommodations. Consult your hotel for information on room rates and specific cancellation policies; additional charges that may apply to hotel guests (i.e., parking fees, local phone charges, internet access fee, etc.); available amenities (i.e., room service, in-house dining, complimentary meals, and area attractions); and local ground transportation options. Hotels in the vicinity of the training site include:

The Regency Suites Hotel in Midtown Atlanta, 975 West Peachtree Street. 404-876-5003.

Marriott Suites Atlanta Midtown, 35 Fourteenth Street, NE. 404-876-8888 or 800-695-8284.

Hotel Midtown Atlanta, 125 Tenth Street, NE. 404 873-4800 or 866-LUXE-41.

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Welcome, Introductions, and <i>Piramide</i> Overview
10:00 - 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. - Noon	<i>Piramide</i> Cornerstone: Nearness - Responsive Relationships with Children
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:30 - 2:45 p.m.	<i>Piramide</i> Cornerstone: Distance - Gaining Trust and Confidence
2:45 - 3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	<i>Piramide</i> Cornerstone: Initiative of the Child

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	Review / Overview
9:30 - 10:45 a.m.	<i>Piramide</i> Cornerstone: Initiative of the Teacher
10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 a.m. - Noon	The Four Cornerstones of <i>Piramide</i> in Action
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Experiencing the Process of ODBD: Orientation, Demonstration, Broadening, Deepening

Thursday, July 29, 2010

8:30 a.m. - Noon	Observations, Discussions, and Dialogue: A Visit to a <i>Piramide</i> Center: Experiencing the Method Meeting with Teaching Staff Opportunities and Challenges Team Planning, Teamwork, Lesson Planning, Observation, and Assessment
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Reflections: Lessons Learned
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Break
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Plan of Action: Next Steps for Professional Development and Local Implementation
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Summary and Departure



Event Registration Form

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Enrollment is Limited: T/TAS cannot guarantee enrollment in any event. In the event that available enrollment slots fill, you will have the option of being placed on a waiting list in case space reopens due to cancellations. We recommend you do not make hotel or travel arrangements until you receive your registration confirmation. There will be no on-site registration.

EVENT	SELECT FEE(S)
<p>THE PIRAMIDE METHOD OF EARLY LEARNING: TAKING TEACHING AND LEARNING TO THE NEXT LEVEL</p> <p>JULY 27-29, 2010, THE PIRAMIDE LEARNING STUDIO, ATLANTA, GA</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Standard Registration: \$495</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> TTAS@Your Service Subscribers: \$475 *</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check if requesting 1.8 CEUs (18 contact hours) from Western Kentucky University and include an additional \$25 in payment.</p>

* Subscribers, please include **TTAS@Your Service** Enrollment No._____. Some restrictions may apply; visit www.ttas.org/ays.html for information on becoming a subscriber.

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