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## **Friday's Resource Sharing Day to kick off 'Pyramid Plus' model**

**PUEBLO** – This Friday's annual Pueblo Resource Sharing Day will take on added significance following the decision by the Children First Child Care Resource & Referral agency at Pueblo Community College to join the "Pyramid Plus" state-wide early childhood care model. The conference will be the community kickoff of that model, and it will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in PCC's Fortino Ballroom.

Pueblo Resource Sharing Day is for early child care professionals as well as parents and interested community members. The "Pyramid Plus" child care strategies will be presented throughout the day, and the training on them will begin in March.

The child care model's official name is "Pyramid Plus: The Colorado Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion." The PCC Children First agency's adoption of the "Pyramid Plus" model is part of the Pueblo Early Childhood Council's decision to utilize its strategies throughout the community, which makes Pueblo the only community-wide implementation site in Colorado.

The goal of the "Pyramid Plus" model is to increase the use of its practices in early care and education settings, including family child care and in-home providers. The ultimate aim is to promote positive social emotional development of all infants and young children and the inclusion of children with disabilities in all early childhood settings.

Laurie Beckel, Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator for The Colorado Center for Social Emotional Competence and Inclusion, will be the keynote speaker at Friday's conference.

For more information about Pueblo Resource Sharing Day, call Children First at 719-549-3407. For more information about "Pyramid Plus," go to [www.pyramidplus.org](http://www.pyramidplus.org).

The Children First program at PCC is the child care resource and referral agency for southeastern Colorado covering Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano Las Animas, Otero, Prowers and Pueblo counties.

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