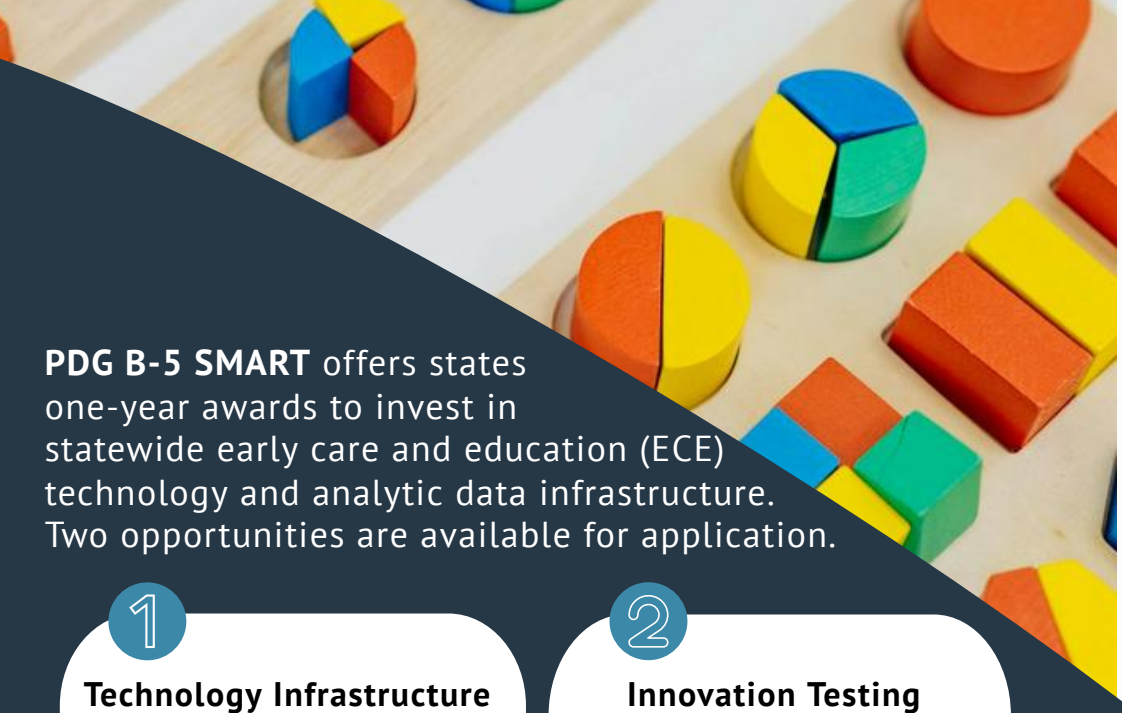




PDG B-5 SMART offers states one-year awards to invest in statewide early care and education (ECE) technology and analytic data infrastructure. Two opportunities are available for application.

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Technology Infrastructure Investment

Option 1 is for states with one defined, data-informed ECE goal that need stronger systems to collect, connect, analyze, and use data to reach it. Each project must produce actionable information for decision-making and a measurable result by the end of the year.

2

Innovation Testing Investment

Option 2 is for states that already have strong data systems and analytic capacity and are ready to test one specific ECE strategy that advances one defined, data-informed goal. States use existing data systems to monitor implementation, participation, and short-term outcomes and assess the strategy's effectiveness.

Applications are due November 20, 2026

Let's Talk!

Contact PMC to plan your PDG B-5 SMART application.

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Strong early childhood systems start with strong social-emotional foundations. For states pursuing PDG B-5 funding, the Pyramid Model Consortium offers a ready partner: an evidence-based framework, a national network of expert trainers, and the implementation know-how to move from plan to measurable impact.

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Option #1: Build the Data Infrastructure to Keep Young Children Thriving in Early Care and Education

Why the Pyramid Model?

Many states already invest in the Pyramid Model across Head Start, child care, pre-K, and early intervention. PMC's Pyramid Model Implementation Data System (PIDS), a secure, cloud-based national database, already gives programs real-time data on Benchmarks of Quality, TPOT and TPITOS observations, coaching, and developmental screenings. But these data often sit outside state ECE data systems.

Option 1 can bring those data into state infrastructure so leaders can see which children are served, the quality of the supports they receive, and which children are at risk of losing their placement.

How PMC Can Support Your Option 1 Investment

 **Goal and readiness:** Ground the goal in your state's existing Pyramid Model data, needs assessments, and prior PDG B-5 work

 **Technology:** Build or strengthen data linkages, dashboards, and reporting tools that connect PIDS data (e.g., Benchmarks of Quality, TPOT, TPITOS, coaching logs, screenings) and behavior incident data (BIRS) to state ECE systems, with Pyramid Model Connect as an additional potential platform

 **Users and utilization:** Define how state staff, program leaders, coaches, and providers will use the tools, building on PIDS role-based access (data collectors, detailed data viewers, aggregate data viewers), and provide the training and technical assistance to make sure they do

 **Data quality:** Set data definitions, collection procedures, and checks so data are complete, timely, accurate, and ready for analysis

 **Measurable outputs:** Track outputs such as data elements added, data linkages established, dashboards built, users trained, and programs onboarded

 **Findings:** Produce insights by the end of the project to guide decisions about funding, policy, and scaling

Example Goals PMC Can Help You Advance

Reduce suspension and expulsion so young children stay enrolled across the mixed-delivery system

Increase the number of Head Start and child care programs implementing the Pyramid Model with fidelity

Improve continuity of ECE enrollment for young children in foster care

Meeting the Required Cross-System Connections

- ✓ **Head Start integration:** Shared Pyramid Model measures across Head Start, Early Head Start, child care, pre-K, and early intervention
- ✓ **Program integrity:** Fidelity and coaching data confirm that funded training and coaching are delivered as intended
- ✓ **The mixed-delivery system:** Linking Pyramid Model data with child-level records shows which children are served and when they leave programs because of behavior
- ✓ **Child welfare and foster care:** Identify young children in foster care in ECE settings and track their access to social-emotional supports and continuity of care



State Match and Bonus Points

30% state match: Required and can include cash or in-kind contributions from partners. PMC can help you scope a project and budget that fits.

Governor's office (up to 8 bonus points): PMC can help show how the project advances the Governor's ECE priorities.



Proven framework. Real-time data.
A partner who knows your system.

Option #2: Test a Pyramid Model Strategy and Show Results in One Year

Why the Pyramid Model?

The Pyramid Model is an evidence-based framework with established measures of implementation and outcomes. PMC's Pyramid Model Implementation Data System (PIDS), a secure, cloud-based national database, already tracks Benchmarks of Quality, TPOT and TPITOS observations, coaching logs, and developmental screenings in real time. This allows a state to test an implementation strategy, use PIDS data alongside data from its existing systems to monitor progress, and determine within one year whether the strategy is producing the intended outcomes.

How PMC Can Support Your Option 2 Investment

 **Goal and strategy:** Define one goal and one strategy grounded in your state's data and planning

 **Implementation:** Provide training, practice-based coaching, Positive Solutions for Families facilitator training, and establish a Professional Development Network of Trainers and Systems Coaches

 **Learning design:** Build a design that fits one year, such as rapid-cycle testing, continuous quality improvement, pre/post analysis, or a comparison group

 **Measures:** Track implementation (e.g., TPOT, TPITOS, coaching dosage), participation (programs, classrooms, and families by program type), and short-term outcomes (e.g., behavior incidents, suspensions and expulsions, children's social-emotional skills, continuity of enrollment)

 **Data systems:** Use PIDS to collect implementation and coaching data in real time and link these measures to your state's existing systems, with Pyramid Model Connect as an additional potential platform

 **Findings:** Analyze and report results to guide decisions about sustaining, scaling, modifying, or ending the strategy



Turn a promising idea into proven results.

Example Strategies Your State Could Test

- Practice-based coaching to help child care and Head Start programs implement the Pyramid Model with fidelity
- Family engagement strategies that extend Pyramid Model practices to the home, including Positive Solutions for Families parent groups offered through Head Start and community child care programs
- A Pyramid Model approach to reducing suspension and expulsion in community child care
- Targeted supports for infants and toddlers in community child care and their caregivers
- Targeted supports for young children in foster care and their caregivers
- Individualized tertiary supports for children with persistent challenging behavior

Meeting the Required Cross-System Connections

- ✓ **Head Start integration:** Test the same strategy across Head Start, Early Head Start, and community child care using shared measures
- ✓ **Program integrity:** Fidelity data confirm the strategy was delivered as intended before results are evaluated
- ✓ **The mixed-delivery system:** Participation data show which children and families the strategy reaches and whether children stay enrolled
- ✓ **Child welfare and foster care:** Focus supports on young children involved in child welfare and their caregivers, and track their participation and outcomes



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