



PYRAMID MODEL

New York
Pyramid Model
State



Child Shows
Challenging
Behavior

Typical Response
(suspension)

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Pyramid Model
Strategies

Physical
Agression

Remove the child

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Use strategies to
prevent triggers.
Make a plan with child.
Use visual cues.

Running Away

Send child home

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Visual cues
Safety protocols
Support staff

Screaming +
Cursing

Calls parent, removes
or punishes child

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Use scripted stories.
Practice cooldown
strategies when things
are calm.

For more information please reach out to the
Pyramid Model State Leadership Team.