



**What is the TPITOS?** *The Pyramid Infant-Toddler Observation Scale (TPITOS)* is an assessment instrument designed to measure how well care givers are using practices associated with the [Pyramid Model for Promoting Social Emotional Competence in Infants and Young Children](#). The TPITOS can be a good source of information to use when planning which Pyramid practices to begin using. It can be a great tool to use when setting goals with your coach, and it measures growth over time.

**What is the purpose of the TPITOS?** The purpose of the TPITOS is to provide a snapshot of the adult behaviors and the childcare setting as they support and promote the social-emotional development of infants and toddlers.

**Where is the tool used?** The observation is used in infant or toddler care setting (birth to three).

**What can I expect during the observation?** The TPITOS is completed during a two-hour observation, followed by a 20-30-minute interview with the teacher/childcare provider.

**When are the observations done?** Your Rooted in Relationships coach will work with you and the TPOT observer to schedule your observation

**How should I prepare for the TPITOS observation?** No preparation necessary. Just do the things that you typically do on a daily basis.

### **Why does it matter?**

- Helps early childhood professionals better understand how they can support and promote social emotional development in infants and toddlers.
- Provides a starting place for goal setting related to the use of Pyramid practices
- Provides information to help use Pyramid Model practices more effectively.
- Helps identify what additional Pyramid training might be needed.
- Strengthens practices of individual teachers/caregivers, classroom teams, and entire programs.
- Builds a foundation for healthy social-emotional development in the first years of life