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.