

OBSERVATION TOOLS:

CHOOSING THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOUR PROGRAM

Use this guide to explore the observation tools we offer. Each tool supports early childhood educators on their continuous quality improvement journey through feedback and reflection. Not sure where to begin? Use the quick tips below!

CLASS: Classroom Assessment Scoring System®

✓ **Best for:** Understanding and strengthening teacher-child interactions.

👤 **Who it's for:** All age groups.

🕒 **Duration:** Series of 15–20-minute observations.

🎯 **Focus Areas:**

- Instructional Support
- Emotional and Behavior Support
- Engaged Support for Learning
- Responsive Caregiving
- Emotional Support
- Classroom Organization

TPOT: Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool (Preschool)

✓ **Best for:** Social-emotional development and behavior support.

👤 **Who it's for:** Preschool educators.

🕒 **Duration:** 2-hour observation + 15–20-minute interview.

🎯 **Focus Areas:**

- Schedules and Routines
- Communication & Collaborative Teaming
- Teaching Social Skills and Emotional Competencies
- Peer Interactions & Challenging Behaviors
- Support for Dual Language Learners and Developmental Delays
- Family Engagement

TPITOS: Teaching Pyramid Infant-Toddler Observation Scale

✓ **Best for:** Responsive relationships and early social-emotional skills.

👤 **Who it's for:** Infant and toddler educators.

🕒 **Duration:** 2-hour observation + 15–20-minute interview.

🎯 **Focus Areas:**

- Schedules, Routines, and Activities
- Communication & Problem Solving
- Staff Collaboration
- Peer Interactions
- Challenging Behaviors
- Family Engagement

CHILD: Climate of Healthy Interactions for Learning & Development

✓ **Best for:** Mental health climate and equitable treatment.

👤 **Who it's for:** All age groups.

🕒 **Duration:** 4 coding blocks, 20 minutes each.

🎯 **Focus Areas:**

- Transitions
- Rules and Directions
- Social and Emotional Learning
- Staff Affect, Awareness, Cooperation
- Staff-Child Interactions
- Individualized Pedagogy & Child Behaviors

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