**NH Preschool Technical Assistance Network**

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**Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool (TPOT) for Preschool Classrooms**

**TPOT™:**

* Is a research-based assessment tool that measures implementation of teacher practices associated with the Pyramid Model for Promoting Social Emotional Competence in Young Children in classrooms serving children ages 2-5 years
* Is conducted by a trained and validated administrator
* Is intended to be an ongoing tool, not a one-time event

**TPOT™ Results:**

* Provide teachers with feedback regarding their teaching practices
* Guide Practice-Based Coaching action planning
* Support the Leadership Team’s data based decision-making when used in aggregate
* Are NOT intended to be used for teacher evaluation
* Are NOT intended to be shared with identifying information with anyone other than the teacher and the TPOT administrator
* May be visible in PIDS (Pyramid Model Implementation Data System) by others in your program who have designated roles in the system. Those with access to view PIDS data have an ethical responsibility to maintain the teacher’s results confidential as outlined in the site’s letter of commitment.

**TPOT™ Helps Programs:**

* Support effective implementation of the evidence-based Pyramid Model practices
* Promote social-emotional competence in young children
* Implement strategies to prevent and address challenging behavior
* Compare implementation of Pyramid Model practices across classrooms, teachers, and programs
* Identify where teachers need extra professional development and support

**I Can Expect my TPOT™ Administrator to:**

* Provide basic information about the TPOT™ so that I understand the purpose and process
* Schedule on a day and time that is mutually convenient
* Conduct a 2-hour classroom observation
* Conduct a 15-30 minute interview about use of Pyramid Model practices
* Provide a strength-based feedback session to reflect on results and answer questions
* Provide me with a copy of my TPOT™ scoring booklet

PTAN Program Coach and Trainer Becky Britton is available to support TPOT administrators

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