

# the Pyramid Model in Nova Scotia



## What is the Pyramid Model?

An evidence-based initiative to support early childhood educators in building confidence and capacity in supporting the social emotional and behavioral development of all young children.

## What does the Pyramid Model look like in Nova Scotia?

The Nova Scotia Child Care Review of Regulated Child Care Consultation Report and Recommendations (2016) identified several accessibility and quality of programming challenges. To address these challenges, this pilot will focus on the first two tiers of the Pyramid Model as a starting point.

- 3 Tertiary Intervention (few)**  
Comprised of practices that are individualized for children with persistent challenges
  - 2 Secondary Prevention (some)**  
Targeted supports for children who are at risk for challenging behaviors
  - 1 Universal Promotion (all)**  
Universal social-emotional development support for all children
- Effective Workforce**  
Systems and policies necessary to ensure a workforce able to adopt and sustain these evidence-based practices



**Effective Workforce**  
Infrastructure to support implementation

- Provincial Leadership Team to guide implementation
- 20 Master Cadre to provide professional development opportunities
- Pyramid Model Coaches embedded within child care communities to provide individualized on-site support for ECEs and centres
- NS Government initiatives to support workforce development

**1 Universal Promotion**  
Focused on supporting all children

- Inclusive early learning environments for all children
- Capable, Confident, and Curious: Nova Scotia's Early Learning Curriculum Framework (2018)
- Nurturing and responsive relationships with children, families, and team members
- Quality Matters Continuous Quality Improvement: A Guide for Licensed Child Care Centres (2018)

## Implementing the Pyramid Model in Child Care Centres:

- 1** Establish a Program-Wide Implementation Team
- 2** Develop a Program-Wide Implementation Action Plan
- 3** Ready - Set - Go - Pyramid Model Implementation

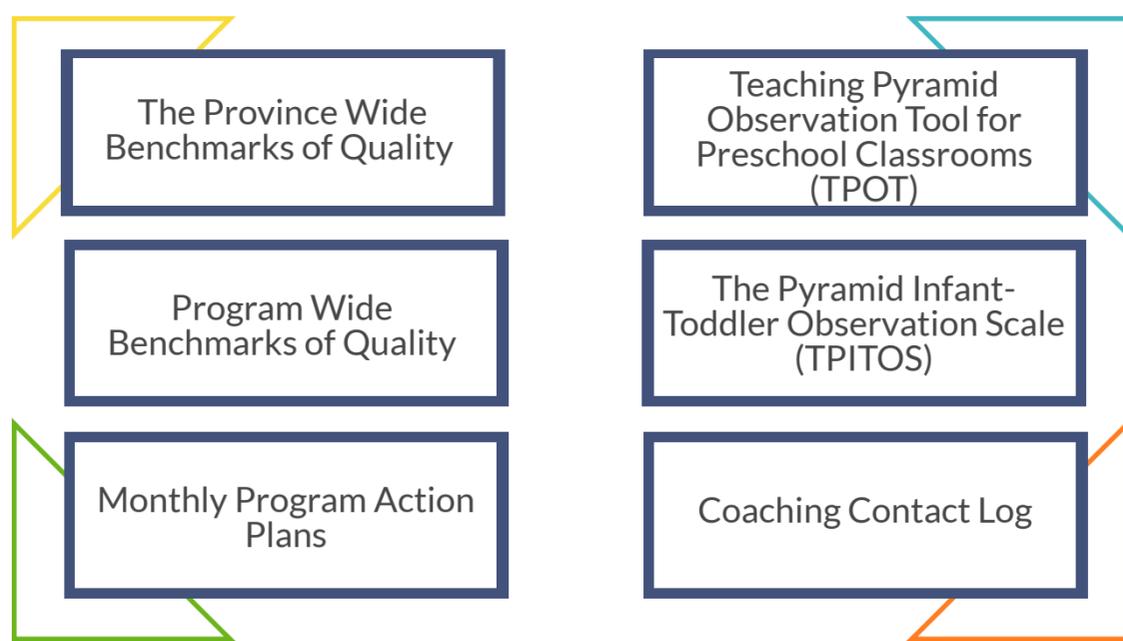


The Look-Think-Act is a simple guide for the process that program-wide implementation teams and ECEs might use when analyzing their data. This guide involves three steps:

- Look**  
Examine data for trends and meaningful associations
- Think**  
Ask questions related to the data that might help with interpretation
- Act**  
Make decisions as a team and identify the action plan needed to put the decision in place

## Tools for implementation:

Data-based decision making refers to an ongoing process in which data is collected, analyzed, and communicated in an effort to improve individual supports and/or program functioning.



## Where can I find additional information?

- National Centre for Pyramid Model Innovations (website)
- Data Decision-Making and Program-Wide Implementation of the Pyramid Model (Road Map)
- Program-Wide Support for Pyramid Model Implementation: Implementation Manual

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