

## Guide to Observable Criteria Tools

The Observable Criteria Tools mirror the tools the NAEYC Assessor will use to observe your program during the site visit. This guide helps you to select an Observable Criteria Tool for each group your program serves.

Each Observable Criteria Tool is named according to NAEYC Age Categories. The NAEYC Age Categories include:

*Infant (I):* 0 - 15 months

*Toddler/Two (T):* 12 months - 36 months

*Preschool (P):* 30 months – 5 years

*Kindergarten (K):* enrolled in a public or private kindergarten

Use the chart below to find the right Observable Criteria tool for each of your program’s groups.

NAEYC Age Categories served in the Group	Observable Criteria Tool Name
Infant (I)	OCTool_I
Toddler/Two (T)	OCTool_T
Preschool (P)	OCTool_P
Kindergarten (K)	OCTool_K
Infant (I) Toddler/Two (T)	OCTool_IT
Toddler/Two (T) Preschool (P)	OCTool_TP
Preschool (P) Kindergarten (K)	OCTool_PK
Infant (I) Toddler/Two (T) Preschool (P)	OCTool_ITP
Toddler/Two (T) Preschool (P) Kindergarten (K)	OCTool_TPK
Infant (I) Toddler/Two (T) Preschool (P) Kindergarten (K)	OCTool_ITPK