

Definitions for Child Outcomes Summary (COS) Ratings

Overall Age-Appropriate

- 7**
 - Child shows functioning expected for his or her age in all or almost all everyday situations that are part of the child's life.
 - No one on the team has concerns about the child's functioning in this outcome area.
- 6**
 - Child's functioning generally is considered appropriate for his or her age, but there are some significant concerns about the child's functioning in this outcome area.
 - Although age-appropriate, the child's functioning may border on not keeping pace with age expectations.

Overall Not Age-Appropriate

- 5**
 - Child shows some functioning expected for his or her age some of the time and/or in some settings and situations.
 - Child's functioning is a mix of age-expected and not age-expected behaviors and skills.
 - Child's functioning might be described like that of a slightly younger child.
- 4**
 - Child shows occasional age-appropriate functioning across settings and situations.
 - More functioning is not age-expected than is age-expected.
 - Child does not yet show functioning expected of a child of his or her age in any situation.
- 3**
 - Child uses immediate foundational skills most or all of the time across settings and situations.
 - Functioning might be described as like that of a younger child.
- 2**
 - Child occasionally uses immediate foundational skills across settings and situations.
 - More functioning reflects skills that are not immediate foundational than are immediate foundational.
 - Child does not yet show functioning expected of a child his or her age in any situation.
- 1**
 - Child's functioning does not yet include immediate foundational skills upon which to build age-appropriate functioning.
 - Child's functioning might be described like that of a much younger child.