

**Definitions for Outcome Ratings:
For Use with the Child Outcomes Summary Form (COSF)**

Overall Age-Appropriate	
Completely means: 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shows functioning expected for his or her age in all or almost all everyday situations that are part of the child's life. Functioning is considered appropriate for his or her age. • No one has any concerns about the child's functioning in this outcome area.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. These concerns are substantial enough to suggest monitoring or possible additional support. • Although age-appropriate, the child's functioning may border on not keeping pace with age expectations.

Overall Not Age-Appropriate	
Somewhat means: 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shows 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-appropriate and not age-appropriate behaviors and skills. • Child's functioning might be described as like that of a slightly younger child*.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shows occasional age-appropriate functioning across settings and situations. More functioning is not age-appropriate than age-appropriate.
Nearly means: 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child does not yet show functioning expected of a child of his or her age in any situation. • Child uses immediate foundational skills, most or all of the time, across settings and situations. Immediate foundational skills are the skills upon which to build age-appropriate functioning. • Functioning might be described as like that of a younger child*.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child occasionally uses immediate foundational skills across settings and situations. More functioning reflects skills that are not immediate foundational than are immediate foundational.
Not yet means: 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child does not yet show functioning expected of a child his or her age in any situation. • Child's functioning does not yet include immediate foundational skills upon which to build age-appropriate functioning. • Child functioning reflects skills that developmentally come before immediate foundational skills. • Child's functioning might be described as like that of a much younger child*.

* The characterization of functioning like a younger child only will apply to some children receiving special services, such as children with developmental delays.



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