

**Suggested Language for Talking with Parents about the Child Indicator Ratings AND
for Inclusion in the Written Narrative**

- **Completely (7)**
 - Compared with his 18 month old peers, Johnny has all of the skills that we would expect of a child this age in the area of (outcome). Coming next, you will see him....
- **Concerns (6)**
 - Compared with his 18 month old peers, Johnny has almost all of the skills that we would expect of his age in regard to (outcome). There are only minor concerns with how he (functional area that is of concern / quality of ability/ lacking skill).
- **Somewhat (5)**
 - Compared with his 18 month old peers, Johnny is somewhat where we would expect him to be at this age. This means that Johnny has some of the skills we would expect at this age in regard to (outcome) (you can list if you like), but he does not yet have all of the skills we would expect of this age across settings and situations which include (list functional skills child is lacking to be age appropriate).
- **Near Somewhat (4)**
 - Compared with his 18 month old peers, Johnny is near somewhat where we expect him to be at this age. This means that although he has a few of the skills we would expect in regard to (outcome), he is not using those skills in many different situations. We would expect him to have the following skills at this age (list).
- **Emerging (3)**
 - Compared with his 18 month old peers, Johnny has emerging skills. This means that he does not yet have the skills we would expect of a child his age. He has the foundational skills that are necessary to build upon to achieve the age appropriate skills which include (list).
- **Near Emerging (2)**
 - Compared with his 18 month old peers, Johnny is near emerging. This means that he does not yet have age appropriate skills in this area. He is just beginning to have the foundational skills which will help him to achieve the age appropriate skills that we would expect. Those skills include (list)
- **Early Skills / Not Yet (1)**
 - Compared with his 18 month old peers, Johnny has the early skills in the area of (outcome). This means that Johnny has the skills we would expect of a younger child. Skills typical of an 18 month old include (list). (Consider breaking down critical stepping stone skills)