

Definitions for Child Outcomes Summary (COS) Ratings

Overall Age-Appropriate	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. No one on the team has 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. Although age-appropriate, the child’s functioning may border on not keeping pace with age expectations.
Overall Not Age-Appropriate	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-expected and not age-expected 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-expected than age-expected.
	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. 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.
	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’s functioning might be described as like that of a much younger child.