

Resources for More Information about the Child Outcomes Summary (COS) Process



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General Information about Child Outcomes

Name	Format	Description
Video: Child Outcomes Step-by-Step	Video	Skills and behaviors by outcome area
Breadth of three child outcomes-English Breadth of three outcomes-Spanish	PDF	Infographic of skill bundles associated with each outcome
COS Process Online Module	Online module	Key information about the COS process
COS Quick Reference Guide	PDF	Snapshots of the COS process, including characteristics of child outcomes and functional skills, the breadth and depth of each outcome area, key features of COS ratings, and criteria related to the 7-point scale
ECTA Child Outcomes	Webpage	Collection of resources related to child outcomes measurement
The Child Outcomes	PDF	Definitions of the three outcomes
Introduction to the ECO "Crosswalks" of Birth-to-Five Assessment Instruments to Early Childhood Outcomes	PDF	Relationships between assessment instruments and the three child outcomes

Outcomes and Functionality

Name	Format	Description
Understanding Functional Skills-PDF	PDF	Understanding functional skills for the COS Process
Understanding Functional Skills-Web	Web	
Aligning a Child's Functional Skills w Breadth of Child Outcomes-PDF	PDF	Helps teams connect their observations of children's functioning with the three child outcomes
Aligning a Child's Functional Skills At-a-Glance	PDF	
Aligning a Child's Functional Skills w Breadth of Child Outcomes-Web	Web	

Teaming

Name	Format	Description
Talking with Families	Webpage	Resources and best practices related to talking with families about child and family outcomes
COS Completion When Teams Can't Meet in Person	Webpage, PDF, infographic	Guidance and considerations for teams considering virtual COS meetings
COS Process Discussion Prompts	PDF	Example questions and prompts that could be used to elicit conversation about a child's functioning in each of the three outcome areas
COS Team Collaboration (COS-TC)	Online module with resources	COS teaming practices – self assessment and description of best practices

7-Point Rating Scale

Name	Format	Description
Overview of the COS Process and COS 7-Point Scale	PDF	Definitions of each point on the COS 7-point rating scale
Instructions for Completing the Child Outcomes Summary Form (COSF)	PDF	Information on how to use the COS form and determine COS ratings
Decision Tree for Summary Rating Discussions	PDF	Decision tree with a series of questions to determine the COS rating
COSF Rating Scale Descriptor Statements	PDF	Alternate view of the 7-point rating scale that includes culminating statements for present levels of performance in three outcomes
Applied Practice for COS Skill Building Activity	PDF	Case studies for COS practice

Special Considerations

Name	Format	Description
Special Considerations When Using the Child Outcomes Summary (COS) 7-Point Scale: Questions and Answers	PDF	Information on special considerations when using the 7-point scale, such as prematurity, articulation delays, atypical functioning, use of assistive technology devices, and cultural context

Age Anchoring

Name	Format	Description
Age Anchoring Guidance for Determining COS Ratings	PDF	Guidance on how to accurately age anchor a child’s functional skills and explanations of how that guidance applies to COS teams
Developmental Progressions and the COS 7-Point Rating Scale	PDF	Age-expected, immediate foundational, and foundational skills
ECTA Child Development Resources	Webpage	Collection of resources helpful in understanding typical child development

Evidence and Documentation

Name	Format	Description
Guidance for Documenting the Rating on the COSF – Evidence by Level	PDF	Guidance to support effective documentation and reviewing for accuracy and quality
Effective Documentation for Outcome Ratings	PDF	Checklist to support effective documentation