# Effective Documentation of COS Ratings

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### **Effective Documentation**

- Identifies functional skills the child uses, and how consistently across everyday settings and situations.
- Describes the presence and absence of age-anchored (AE, IF, F) skills consistent with the rating.
- Focuses on the child's current functioning, not how much progress the child has made.
- Identifies information and sources contributing to the rating.

### **Overall Age-Expected Functioning**

### **Rating Effective Documentation**

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- Provides examples of the child's age-expected (AE) functioning.
- Indicates COS team members have "no concerns."
- Evidence includes only age-expected (AE) functioning, and no immediate foundational (IF) or foundational (F) functioning.
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- Provides examples of the child's age-expected (AE) functioning.
- Indicates COS team members have concerns and what those concerns are.
- Evidence includes only age-expected (AE) functioning, and no immediate foundational (IF) or foundational (F) functioning.

### Some Age-Expected Functioning

#### **Rating Effective Documentation**

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- Provides examples of the child's age-expected (AE) and not age-expected (F, IF) functioning.
- Evidence includes more functioning that is age-expected (AE) than not age-expected (F, IF).
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- Provides examples of the child's age-expected (AE) and not age-expected (F, IF) functioning.
- Evidence includes more functioning that is not age-expected (F, IF) than age-expected (AE).

## **Not Yet Age-Expected Functioning**

### **Rating Effective Documentation**

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  - Provides examples of the child's immediate foundational (IF) functioning, and if present, foundational (F) functioning.
  - Evidence includes only immediate foundational (IF) functioning, or more immediate foundational (IF) than foundational functioning (F), and no age-expected (AE) functioning.
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- Provides examples of the child's immediate foundational (IF) and foundational (F) functioning.
- Evidence includes more foundational (F) than immediate foundational (IF) functioning, and no age-expected (AE) functioning.
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- Provides examples of the child's foundational (F) functioning.
- Evidence includes only foundational (F) functioning, and no immediate foundational (IF) or age-expected (AE) functioning.