

Child Outcomes Summary (COS) Ratings and Maryland COS Descriptors

Overall Age-Appropriate	<p>Completely means:</p> <p>7</p> <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. <p>Relative to same age peers, _____ has all of the skills that we would expect of a child his age in the area of (outcome [e.g., taking action to meet needs]).</p>
	<p>6</p> <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. <p>Relative to same age peers, _____ has the skills that we would expect of his age in regard to (outcome); however, there are concerns with how he (functional area that is of concern/quality of ability/lacking skill).</p>
Some Not Age-Appropriate/Some Age-Appropriate	<p>Somewhat means:</p> <p>5</p> <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*. <p>Relative to same age peers, _____ shows many age expected skills, but continues to show some functioning that might be described like that of a slightly younger child in the area of (outcome).</p>
	<p>4</p> <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. <p>Relative to same age peers, _____ shows occasional use of some age expected skills, but more of his skills are not yet age expected in the area of (outcome).</p>
Not Age Appropriate	<p>Nearly means:</p> <p>3</p> <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*. <p>Relative to same age peers, _____ is not yet using skills expected of his age. He does however use many important and immediate foundational skills to build upon in the area of (outcome).</p>
	<p>2</p> <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. <p>Relative to same age peers, _____ is showing some emerging or immediate foundational skills, which will help him to work toward age appropriate skills in the area of (outcome).</p>
	<p>Not yet means:</p> <p>1</p> <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. <p>Relative to same age peers, _____ functioning might be described as like that of a much younger child. He shows early skills, but not yet immediate foundational or age expected skills in the (outcome) area.</p>