

Challenge of Completing Exit COSF Ratings

When a child with a Child Outcomes Summary entry rating in the Outcomes Web System permanently exits a Part C or Part B preschool program, there must be an exit summary rating for each outcome.

The entry rating compared the child's functioning in each of the early childhood outcomes to the child's same age peers at the time of the child's initial entry into a Part C or Part B program. The exit rating compares the child's functioning in each of the early childhood outcomes to the child's same age peers at the time the child exits from the Part C or Part B preschool program.

Exit ratings require supporting evidence based at a minimum on current data from one of the approved curriculum based assessments. Data from the curriculum-based assessment may be supplemented with information from record review (such as progress reports, home visit logs, and other child data), interviews, observations, and other tests.

In addition, at exit the progress question must be answered for each outcome. If the child has shown any new skills or behaviors from entry into the program to exit from the program, then the progress question is answered yes and a short summary of the most significant child progress for that outcome area from the time of entry into the Part C or Part B preschool program to the time the child permanently exits is included.

Answering no on the progress question means that the child did not gain any functional skills or behaviors in the outcome area from the time of entry into the Part C or Part B preschool program to the time the child permanently exits.

If a child has an entry Child Outcome Summary Form rating but exits before being in the program for 6 months, just enter a last service date in the Outcomes Web System and submit the information without completing an exit Child Outcome Summary Form rating.

Six months in the program is based on calendar days and is calculated from the first date of actual Early Intervention or Special Education services provided to the child to the last date of actual services. The 6 months in a Part C or Part B preschool program is calculated from the first date of services to the last date of services no matter what organization or how many organizations provide services for the child over the course of the 6 months.