What do we want to remember?

What strategies have I developed to help my child's growth and learning?

How has my child's ability to participate in home and community activities changed?

Decision Tree for Selecting Descriptor Statements (Exit)

What is the Decision Tree?

The Decision Tree is a tool the IFSP team will use to help select a statement that describes how your child is doing in three areas:

1. Positive social relationships
2. Acquiring and using new skills
3. Taking action to meet their needs

Things to Keep in Mind When Using This Tool

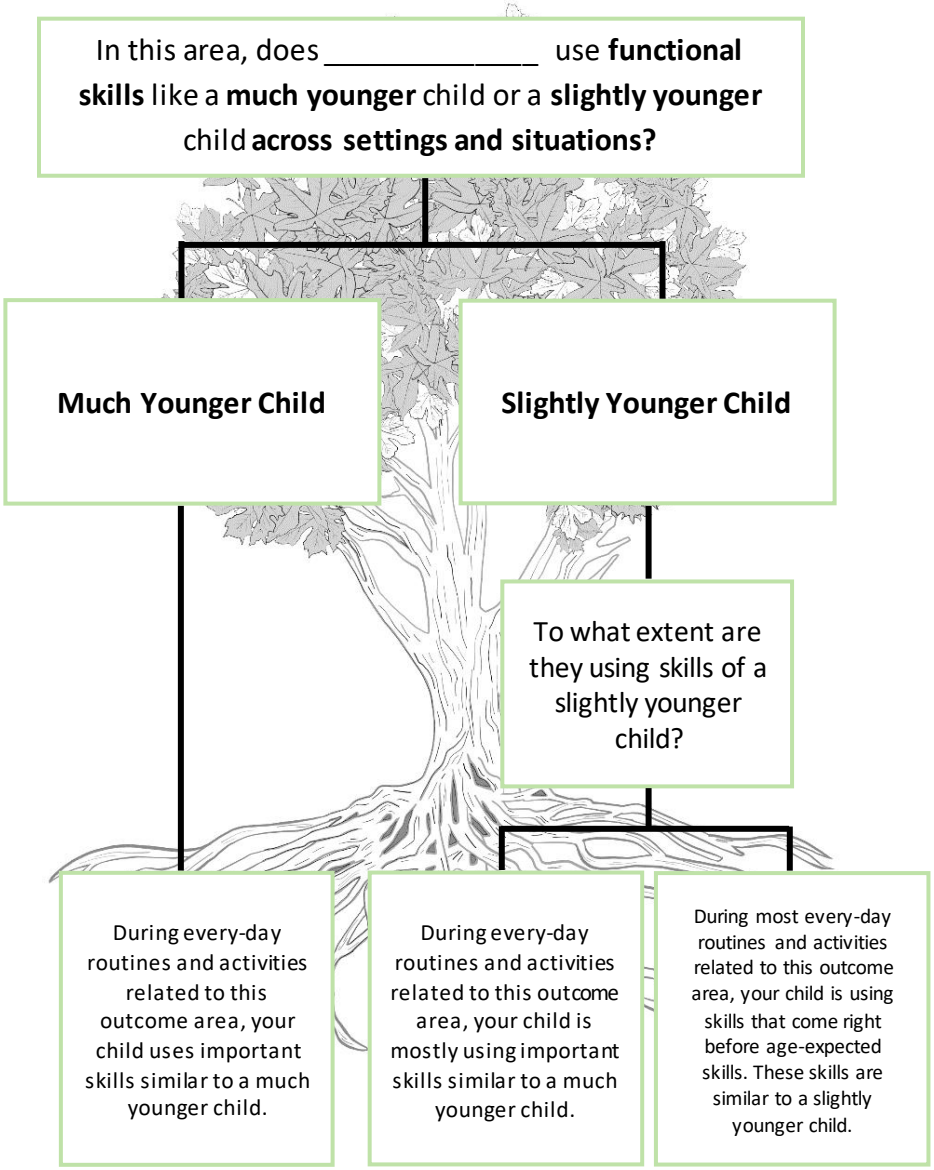
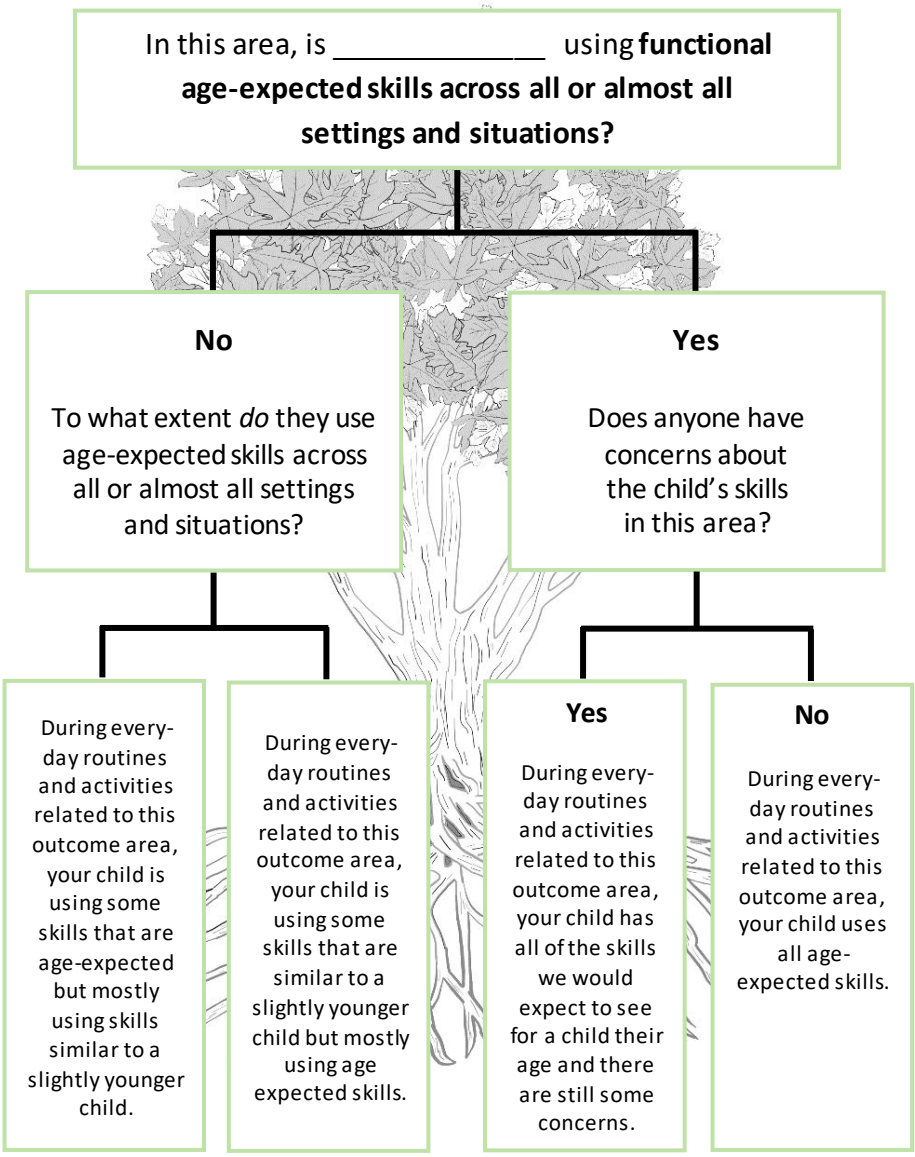
Think about how the child uses functional skills to take part in everyday activities in different places and with different people. The statement the team chooses should reflect your child's functioning based on:

- The expectations for your child in a certain setting. Use the expectations of your home culture to decide if your child is functioning at the level expected for their age at home.
- Their use of assistive technology/adaptations (hearing aids, glasses, mobility aids, etc.) when it is commonly available. Their actual functioning across settings, not functioning under ideal circumstances if he/she had the technology.
- Your child's chronological age, even if they were born prematurely.

Let's Begin With the First Question: Does the child ever use functional skills that are age-expected in this outcome area?

Yes **No**

If you answered "no" to the first question…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