

Age-Anchoring and Decision Tree Activity – Case Study

Summary of Functional Performance, Outcome 2 (Acquiring and Using Knowledge and Skills) Emanuel – 18 months old

Directions: Using the age anchoring tool provided, highlight skills that are foundational, immediate foundational and age-expected in different colors.

At home Emanuel understands some routinely spoken words, such as “Night-night, no, up, down, and out.” On the playground, he understands when his mom says, “Ready, set, go!” as he is getting ready to go down the slide – he will go down the slide when she says “go.” He does not yet demonstrate understanding of questions or directions like, “Do you want ___?,” “Go get the ___.” or “Bring me a diaper.” When offered a choice, Emanuel takes what he wants; he does not indicate a choice first by pointing to or naming the item desired or show understanding of the question, “What do you want?.” During play and while hanging out, Emanuel makes vowel sounds, cries, and laughs, but he is not consistently saying words or using signs. He will say “mmm” when he is eating something he likes and was recently heard saying something that sounded like “Wado,” as if meaning “What do you do?.” His parents have tried sign language (e.g., the sign for “more”) with him, but he does not yet imitate the action. He rarely imitates what he sees others do unless it is of high interest to him (e.g., he imitated sliding the block down a ramp, which was a novel activity for him). Emanuel’s favored toys are blocks, shape sorters, and toys that involve putting things in and taking them out. He dumps the Duplos in and out of boxes and then takes them apart. He is not yet putting them together. He uses toys in their intended manner and tries different things with the toys (e.g., dropping, shaking, taking apart, exploring the small toy boxes to see what is in them, and trying different ways to put toys in and take them out of other containers). Emanuel has pretended to bring a bottle to his mouth, but he is not extending pretend play to toys or others (e.g., pretending to feed a stuffed toy). At this time, Emanuel shows little interest in books. He turns the pages and looks briefly at pictures, but he does not point at pictures or generally spend more than a minute exploring books. Emanuel likes the Mickey Mouse Clubhouse show and will stop and watch it, smiling, and sometimes moving to songs that are sung during the show. Bath time is another favored activity for Emanuel. In the tub he plays with containers by dumping and filling them and splashing in the water.

