Least Restrictive Environment Decision Flowchart for Preschool

Is the child attending a regular early childhood program (includes a majority, at least 50%, of typical peers)? This category may include, but is not limited to: Head Start, LEA inclusion classes, daycare, community preschool classes, First Class Pre K, and LEA funded placement in private preschool programs.

YES

If YES, determine the following: How many hours does the child attend a regular early childhood program?

10 or more hours per week

If 10 or more hours per week: Where does the child receive the majority of special education and related services?

LRE Code:
20= Attends a regular early childhood program, receiving the majority of special education services in the regular early childhood environment.
21= Attends a regular early childhood program, receiving the majority of special education services in other locations.

Less than 10 hours per week

If less than 10 hours per week: Where does the child receive the majority of special education and related services?

LRE Code:
22= Attends a regular early childhood program, receiving the majority of special education services in the regular early childhood environment.
23= Attends a regular early childhood program, receiving the majority of special education services in other locations.

NO

If NO, determine the following: Is the child attending a special education program?

If YES, determine the type of special education program the child attends.

LRE Code:
18= Separate Class
17= Separate School
16= Residential Facility

If NO, is the child receiving the majority of special education and related services in the residence of the family?

LRE Code:
14= Home
19= Service Provider Location or some other location that is NOT in any other category.