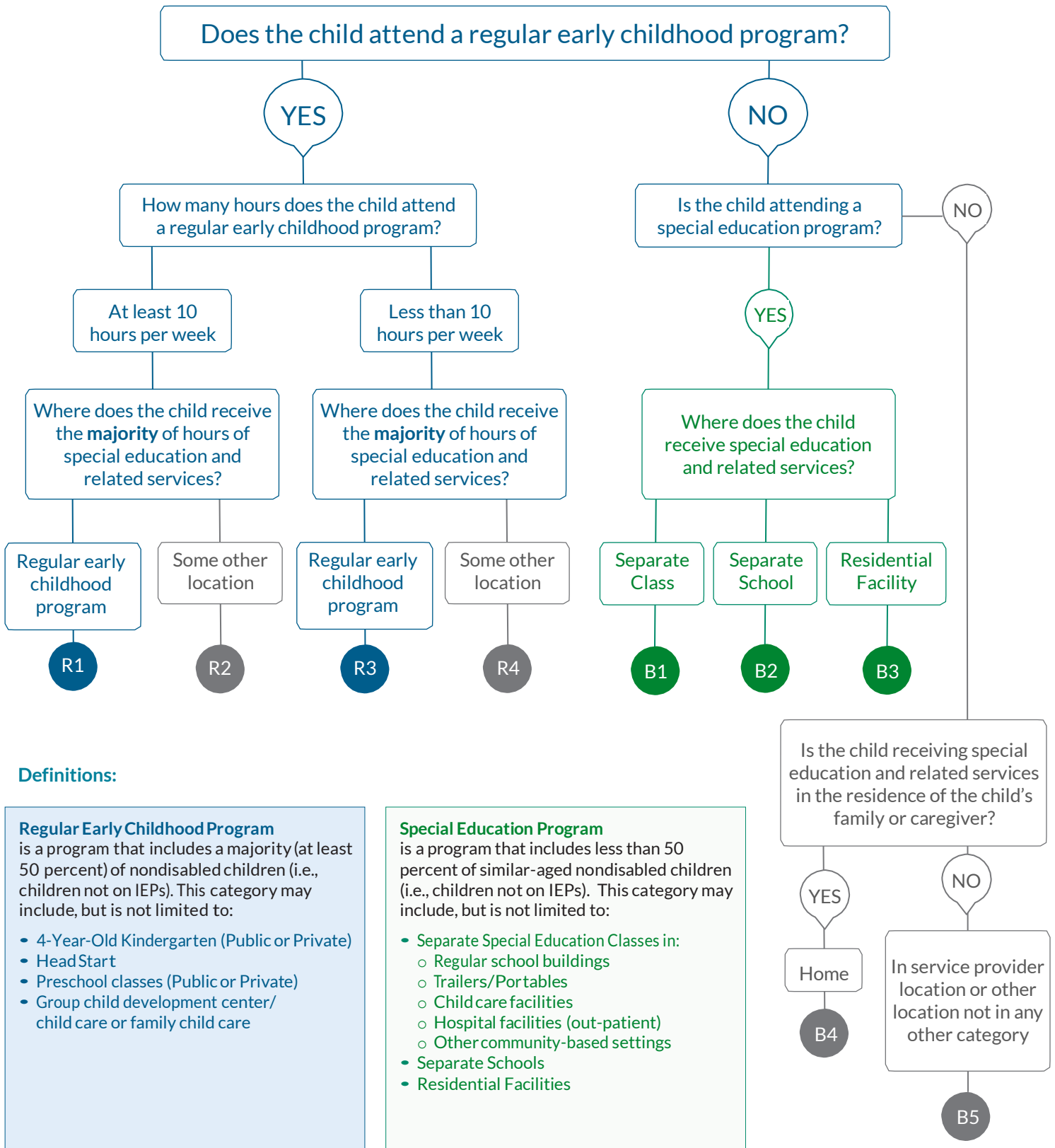


Educational Environment Decision Tree for Children Ages 3-5 Not in Kindergarten



Definitions:

Regular Early Childhood Program

is a program that includes a majority (at least 50 percent) of nondisabled children (i.e., children not on IEPs). This category may include, but is not limited to:

- 4-Year-Old Kindergarten (Public or Private)
- HeadStart
- Preschool classes (Public or Private)
- Group child development center/ child care or family child care

Special Education Program

is a program that includes less than 50 percent of similar-aged nondisabled children (i.e., children not on IEPs). This category may include, but is not limited to:

- Separate Special Education Classes in:
 - Regular school buildings
 - Trailers/Portables
 - Child care facilities
 - Hospital facilities (out-patient)
 - Other community-based settings
- Separate Schools
- Residential Facilities