

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION FORM

PROBLEM BEHAVIOR INVENTORY

The following are descriptions of many of the problems parents typically have with their children. Read each item carefully:

Mark in the space to the right () “ 0 ” if the behavior does not occur at all
“ 1 ” if it occurs occasionally
“ 2 ” if it occurs frequently
“ 3 ” if occurs very frequently

EXAMPLE:

- 1. Walks in Sleep (0)
- 2. Restless (1)
- 3. Short Attention (3)

Sleep Problems:

- 1. Restless, tosses and turns..... ()
- 2. Nightmares..... ()
- 3. Awakens at night..... ()
- 4. Cannot fall asleep..... ()
- 5. Hard to get child to bed..... ()
- 6. Wanders around house late at night (awake)..... ()
- 7. Walks in sleep..... ()
- 8. Awakens early in the morning and disturbs family.... ()

Motor Tempo:

- 1. Restless—overactive..... ()
- 2. Does same thing over and over again..... ()
- 3. Movements are slow, sluggish..... ()

Attention Span:

- 1. Inattentive and easily distracted..... ()
- 2. Fails to finish things..... ()
- 3. Moves-rapidly from one activity to another without completing activity..... ()
- 4. Unable to maintain attention or concentration..... ()

Muscular Problems and Habitual Mannerisms:

- 1. Twitches and jerks..... ()
- 2. Lines up objects..... ()
- 3. Carries soft toy or blanket around..... ()
- 4. Sucks thumb..... ()
- 5. Bites or picks fingernails..... ()
- 6. Chews on clothes, blankets or other things..... ()
- 7. Picks at things, such as hair, clothing, etc..... ()
- 8. Walks on toes..... ()
- 9. Rocking..... ()

Feelings and Emotions:

- 1. Lets self get pushed around by other children..... ()
- 2. Unhappy, sad..... ()
- 3. Carries chip on his / her shoulder..... ()
- 4. Says he / she feels lonely..... ()
- 5. Says he / she feels like crying..... ()
- 6. Says he / she wants to die..... ()
- 7. Complains that he / she is not loved..... ()
- 8. Threatens or has attempted suicide..... ()
- 9. Complains that he / she is inferior or inadequate..... ()
- 10. Erupts easily..... ()
- 11. Shows considerable animosity, contempt,
belligerence toward other people..... ()
- 12. Can suddenly go from calm or silly to sullen
mood to screaming, crying and loud complaining..... ()
- 13. Unemotional..... ()

PROBLEM BEHAVIOR INVENTORY CONT:

(0) = Not at all (1) = Occasionally
(2) = Frequently (3) = Very frequently

- 14. Shows an apparent lack of feelings and emotional involvement..... ()
- 15. Shows blank or fixed facial characteristics in situations where strong emotions would be expected..... ()
- 16. Always clowning and laughing: never takes things seriously..... ()
- 17. Does not show response to painful stimuli, to hurts..... ()

Physical Complaints:

Child complains of the following symptoms even when the doctor can find nothing wrong:

- a. Headaches..... ()
- b. Stomach ache..... ()
- c. Vomiting..... ()
- d. Body aches and pains..... ()

Problems with Assertiveness:

- a. Bullying..... ()
- b. Bragging and boasting..... ()
- c. Sassy to grown-ups..... ()
- d. Bossy – always wants to be the boss..... ()
- e. Must have things his / her own way..... ()
- f. Fighting ()

Problems Making and Keeping Friends:

- a. Expresses fear that kids won't like them..... ()
- b. Feelings easily hurt by other children..... ()
- c. Feelings easily hurt by other children..... ()
- d. Plays poorly with other children..... ()
- e. Disturbs other children..... ()
- f. Wants to run things..... ()
- g. Picks on other children..... ()
- h. Must be the winner ()
- i. Threatens other children..... ()
- j. How many fights does your child get into each week?

Circle One:

1. none 2. 1-3 3. 4-6

Continued:

- k. Is picked on and bullied by other children..... ()
- l. Prefers to be alone..... ()
- m. Avoids eye-to-eye gaze..... ()
- n. Interested in activities which require little, if any
peer involvement (stamp collecting, watching TV, etc.)..... ()

Temper:

- a. Temper outbursts, explosive and
unpredictable behavior..... ()
- b. Throws self around..... ()
- c. Throws and breaks things..... ()
- d. Pouts and sulks..... ()
- e. Yells and screams..... ()
- f. Uses profanity when angry..... ()
- g. Loses control of self when angry..... ()
- h. Erupts easily..... ()
- i. Uses weapons (knives, clubs) when angry..... ()
- j. Dangerous when angry..... ()

Compliance:

- a. Verbally refuses to do what is asked (says “no”)..... ()
- b. Does the opposite of what he / she is told to do..... ()
- c. Defiant..... ()

Perfectionism and Compulsiveness:

- a. Requires that everything be just so..... ()
- b. Does some things the same way every time..... ()
- c. Shows excessive orderliness..... ()