

Child Checklist of Characteristics

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

Person completing this form: _____ Relationship: _____

Please review this checklist and mark any items that describe your child. Feel free to add any others at the end under "Any other characteristics."

- Affectionate
- Argues, "talks back," smart-alecky, defiant
- Bullies/intimidates, teases, inflicts pain on others, is bossy to others, picks on, provokes
- Cheats
- Cruel to animals
- Concern for others
- Conflicts with parents over rule breaking, money, chores, homework, grades, choices in music/clothes/hair/friends
- Complains
- Cries easily, feelings are easily hurt
- Dawdles, procrastinates, wastes time
- Difficulties with parent's paramour/new marriage/new family
- Dependent, immature
- Developmental delays
- Disrupts family activities
- Disobedient, uncooperative, refuses, noncompliant, doesn't follow rules
- Distractible, inattentive, poor concentration, daydreams, slow to respond
- Dropping out of school
- Drug or alcohol use
- Eating—poor manners, refuses, appetite increase or decrease, odd combinations, overeats
- Exercise problems
- Extracurricular activities interfere with academics
- Failure in school
- Fearful
- Fighting, hitting, violent, aggressive, hostile, threatens, destructive
- Fire setting
- Friendly, outgoing, social
- Hypochondriac, always complains of feeling sick
- Immature, "clowns around," has only younger playmates
- Imaginary playmates, fantasy
- Independent
- Interrupts, talks out, yells
- Lacks organization, unprepared
- Lacks respect for authority, insults, dares, provokes, manipulates
- Learning disability
- Legal difficulties—truancy, loitering, panhandling, drinking, vandalism, stealing, fighting, drug sales
- Likes to be alone, withdraws, isolates

- Lying
- Low frustration tolerance, irritability
- Mental retardation
- Moody
- Mute, refuses to speak
- Nail biting
- Nervous
- Nightmares
- Need for high degree of supervision at home over play/chores/schedule
- Obedient
- Obesity
- Overactive, restless, hyperactive, out-of-seat behaviors, restlessness, fidgety, noisiness
- Oppositional, resists, refuses, does not comply, negativism
- Prejudiced, bigoted, insulting, name calling, intolerant
- Pouts
- Recent move, new school, loss of friends
- Relationships with brothers/sisters or friends/peers are poor—competition, fights, teasing/provoking, assaults
- Responsible
- Rocking or other repetitive movements
- Runs away
- Sad, unhappy
- Self-harming behaviors—biting or hitting self, head banging, scratching self
- Speech difficulties
- Sexual—sexual preoccupation, public masturbation, inappropriate sexual behaviors
- Shy, timid
- Stubborn
- Suicide talk or attempt
- Swearing, blasphemous, bathroom language, foul language
- Temper tantrums, rages
- Thumb sucking, finger sucking, hair chewing
- Tics—involuntary rapid movements, noises, or word productions
- Teased, picked on, victimized, bullied
- Truant, school avoiding
- Underactive, slow-moving or slow-responding, lethargic
- Uncoordinated, accident-prone
- Wetting or soiling the bed or clothes
- Work problems, employment, workaholic/overworking, can't keep a job

Any other characteristics:

Please look back over the concerns you have checked off and choose the one that you most want your child to be helped with and circle it.