

Attachment Symptoms for Children Over 5

CHILD'S NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Symptoms	None	Moderate	Severe
1. Superficially engaging and "charming"	_____	_____	_____
2. Lack of eye contact on parental terms	_____	_____	_____
3. Indiscriminately affectionate with strangers	_____	_____	_____
4. Not affectionate on parents' terms (not cuddly)	_____	_____	_____
5. Destructive to self, others, and material things (accident prone)	_____	_____	_____
6. Cruel to animals	_____	_____	_____
7. Stealing	_____	_____	_____
8. Lying about the obvious (crazy lying)	_____	_____	_____
9. No impulse controls (frequently acts hyperactive)	_____	_____	_____
10. Learning lags	_____	_____	_____
11. Lack of cause and effect thinking	_____	_____	_____
12. Lack of conscience	_____	_____	_____
13. Abnormal eating patterns	_____	_____	_____
14. Poor peer relationships	_____	_____	_____
15. Preoccupation with fire	_____	_____	_____
16. Persistent nonsense questions and incessant chatter	_____	_____	_____
17. Inappropriately demanding and clingy	_____	_____	_____
18. Abnormal speech patterns	_____	_____	_____

Completed by: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Address: _____ Phone:(day) _____

Date completed: _____ Phone:(evening) _____

Note: This checklist is a screening device, and is only one component of a professional diagnostic assessment. It should not be used as a stand-alone measurement.

This list was adapted from Walter Buenning, Ph.D.; "Toddler adoption: The Weaver's Craft" by Mary Hopkins-Best; and "What You Should Know Before You Adopt a Child" by Institute for Attachment and Child Development. It is utilized by the Attachment and Bonding Center of Ohio as part of the pre-service application process.