

Adoption & Attachment Therapy Partners, LLC

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Helping adoptive parents forge strong connections among all family members via adoption-attachment-trauma informed therapies.

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): _____

Phone (Evening): _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date completed: _____

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 Buening, 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 Adoption and Attachment Therapy Partners, LLC as part of the pre-service application process.

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