



**South Carolina PLAY**  
Project to Learn about ADHD in  
Youth

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## The Brief Impairment Scale (BIS)

The questions I am going to ask you now have to do with how \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) \_\_\_\_\_ has been doing overall. Please answer them thinking only of the **last twelve months/past year** keeping in mind what one would expect of children of the same age and sex as \_\_\_\_\_ (name of child) \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Over the last 12 months/year, how much of a problem has he/she had getting along with his/her father/stepfather/foster father? (score about father figure with whom he/she has most contact)

- No problem
- Some problem
- A considerable problem
- A serious problem
- Refused
- Not Applicable (no father figure)
- Don't know

2. How much of a problem has he/she had getting along with his/her mother/stepmother/foster mother? (score about mother figure with whom he/she has most contact)

- No problem
- Some problem
- A considerable problem
- A serious problem
- Refused
- Not Applicable (no mother figure)
- Don't know

3. How about problems getting along with his/her brothers and sisters?

- No problem
- Some problem
- A considerable problem
- A serious problem
- Refused
- Not Applicable (no brothers or sisters)
- Don't know

4. How about problems getting involved in activities together with the rest of the family?

- No problem
- Some problem
- A considerable problem
- A serious problem
- Refused
- Don't know

5. Over the last 12 months/year, how much of a problem has he/she had with his/her teachers at school? (If not in school and working) Or with his/her superiors at work?

- No problem
- Some problem
- A considerable problem
- A serious problem
- Refused
- Not Applicable (has not worked or been in school during the past year)
- Don't know

6. How much of a problem has he/she had getting along with other adults outside of the family?

- No problem
- Some problem
- A considerable problem
- A serious problem
- Refused
- Don't know

7. How much of a problem has he/she had making friends?

- No problem
- Some problem
- A considerable problem
- A serious problem
- Refused
- Don't know

8. How much of a problem has he/she had getting along with the friends that he/she has?

- No problem
- Some problem
- A considerable problem
- A serious problem or has no friends
- Refused
- Don't know

9. During the last 12 months /past year, has he/she often missed school/work?

- Never misses work/school
- Occasionally (*once a month or less*)
- Many times (*2 to 4 times a month*)
- Quite frequently (*more than 5 times per month*)
- Refused
- Not Applicable (*not in school and not working during the last 12 months*)
- Don't know

**IF Q. 9 coded 1, 2, or 3**

9A) Was this because he/she was really sick?

- Yes
- No

10. During the last 12 months /past year, how well has he/she been doing in his/her school work?

- Better than average (mostly B's or outstanding: mostly A's, some B's)
- Just average: C work
- Somewhat below average (mostly C's and D's)
- Markedly below average (mostly D's and F's)
- Refused
- Not Applicable (not in school during the last year)
- Don't know

**If Q. 10 scored "Not Applicable", ask 10A.**

10A. Has he/she dropped out of school during the past year?

- Yes
- No
- Refused
- Don't know

11. In general, how much of a problem has he/she had getting his/her schoolwork/work done on time?

- No problem
- Some problem
- A considerable problem
- A serious problem
- Refused
- Not Applicable (not in school or working over the past year)
- Don't know

12. During the last 12 months /past year, how much of a problem has he/she had doing what he/she is expected to do at home? (Read options)

- No problem
- Some problem
- A considerable problem
- A serious problem
- Refused
- Don't know

13. How much of a problem has he/she had being responsible at school/work or in jobs he/she took on outside of his home? (Read options)

- No problem
- Some problem
- A marked problem
- A serious problem
- Refused
- Not Applicable (not worked or in school during past year)

14. In the last 12 months/past year, how many times were you asked to come to his/her school to discuss some problem that he/she has had?

- Never
- Once
- More than once
- Refused
- Not Applicable (not in school)
- Don't know

15. To what extent does he/she get involved in sports? (Read options)

- Frequently or member of a team
- Some involvement, but not steady
- Very rarely involved
- Not involved at all
- Refused
- Not Applicable (no opportunities for participation in sports)
- Don't know

16. Over the past 12 months to what extent did he/she get involved in activities other than sports? (Read options)

- Frequently involved in other activities
- Only occasionally
- Rarely got involved or dropped out easily
- Never got involved in other activities
- Refused
- Don't know

17. To what extent would you say he/she is a person who has many interests? Again think specifically about the last 12 months/past year. Would you say he/she (Read options):

- has many and varied interests
- has some interests
- few things interest him/her
- has no interests, is generally bored
- refused
- don't know

18. Compared to other kids of the same age, how neat is his/her physical appearance most of the time? Remember that we are talking about how it's been during the last 12 months/past year. Would you say he/she is:

- Like most kids his/her age
- A bit sloppier than most kids his/her age
- Considerably more sloppy or peculiar than most kids his/her age
- Extremely sloppy or bizarre compared to other kids his/her age
- Refused
- Don't know

19. Compared to others his/her age, how well does he/she take care of his/her health? He/she

- Takes good care of him/herself
- Is somewhat careless about his/her health
- Is quite careless about his/her health
- Is extremely careless about his/her health
- Refused
- Don't know

20. How safety conscious is he/she?

- Very careful, attentive to safety rules
- Somewhat careless
- Quite careless
- Extremely careless
- Refused
- Don't know

21. Does he/she seem to have a problem having fun and enjoying life? Again, think about how it's been during the last 12 months. Would you say he/she has had:

- No problem
- Some problem
- A considerable problem
- A serious problem
- Refused
- Don't know

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Date Interviewed

Month

Day

Year

Interviewed  
by