

Parent Interview for Autism – Clinical Version (PIA-CV)

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Relationship to Child: _____

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Social Relating

- 1 2 3 4 5 1) Does your child enjoy interacting with familiar adults?
- 1 2 3 4 5 2) Does your child look at you while you are playing with him/her?
- 1 2 3 4 5 3) Does your child look at you when you are talking to him/her?
- 1 2 3 4 5 4) Does your child come to you for comfort when he/she is sick or hurt?
- 1 2 3 4 5 5) Does your child ignore people who are trying to interact with him/her?
- 1 2 3 4 5 6) Does your child "look through" people as if they weren't there?
- 1 2 3 4 5 7) Does your child enjoy being held or cuddled?
- 1 2 3 4 5 8) Does your child hug you back when you hug him/her?
- 1 2 3 4 5 9) Does your child become stiff or rigid when you are holding or hugging him/her?

- 1 2 3 4 5 10) Does he/she go limp when you hold or hug him/her?
- 1 2 3 4 5 11) Does your child come to you for a kiss or a hug on his/her own, without you asking him/her to?
- 1 2 3 4 5 12) Does he/she enjoy being kissed?
- 1 2 3 4 5 13) Does your child seem to enjoy affection only on his/her own terms?
Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 14) Does your child smile back at you when you smile at him/her?
- 1 2 3 4 5 15) Does your child seem to be "hard to reach", or in his/her own world?
- 1 2 3 4 5 16) Does your child actively avoid looking at people during interactions?
- 1 2 3 4 5 17) Does your child look at people more when they are far away than when they are interacting with him/her?

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Affective Responses

- 1 2 3 4 5 18) Does your child seem to understand how others are feeling? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 19) Does he/she understand the expressions on people's faces?
- 1 2 3 4 5 20) Is it difficult to tell what your child is feeling from his/her facial expression?
What makes it hard to tell?
- 1 2 3 4 5 21) Does your child smile during his/her favorite activities?
- 1 2 3 4 5 22) Does your child smile, laugh, and cry when you expect him/her to?
- 1 2 3 4 5 23) Do your child 's moods change quickly, without warning? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 24) Does your child become very frightened of harmless things? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 25) Does your child laugh for no obvious reason?
- 1 2 3 4 5 26) Does your child have severe temper tantrums?

Peer Interactions

- 1 2 3 4 5 27) Does your child prefer to play alone instead of with other children?
- 1 2 3 4 5 28) Will your child ever join in play with another child?
- 1 2 3 4 5 29) Does your child enjoy playing with other children?
- 1 2 3 4 5 30) Does your child seem to be interested in making friends with other children?
- 1 2 3 4 5 31) Does your child hurt other children by biting, hitting, or kicking?

Motor Imitation

- 1 2 3 4 5 32) Does your child imitate simple gestures such as waving goodbye or clapping hands?
- 1 2 3 4 5 33) Does your child imitate the things you do around the house, such as sweeping or dusting? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 34) Do you have difficulty trying to get your child to imitate your movements when you want him/her to?
- 1 2 3 4 5 35) Does your child imitate words or sounds when you want him/her to?

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Communication

Nonverbal Communication

In addition to talking, there are lots of other ways that children can communicate their needs and wants, such as making sounds, or pointing, or gesturing.

1 2 3 4 5 36) How often does your child communicate to you in ways other than talking?

1 2 3 4 5 37) Can you understand what your child is trying to communicate?

1 2 3 4 5 38) Can other people understand your child?

1 2 3 4 5 39) Does your child become frustrated when he/she tries to communicate?

The next questions are about the reasons that your child communicates. How often does your child communicate to:

1 2 3 4 5 40) Let you know he/she wants something, like food or a toy?

1 2 3 4 5 41) Get you to do something for him/her? Example?

1 2 3 4 5 42) Let you know he/she doesn't want something? How does he/she let you know?

1 2 3 4 5 43) Get your attention? Example?

1 2 3 4 5 44) Show off? Example?

1 2 3 4 5 45) Ask questions about an object or event? Example?

1 2 3 4 5 46) Ask your permission to do something? Example?

1 2 3 4 5 47) Get you to play with him/her? Example?

1 2 3 4 5 48) Get you to look at something he/she's interested in? Example?

Language Understanding

1 2 3 4 5 49) Does your child respond when you call his/her name?

1 2 3 4 5 50) Does your child understand what you say to him/her? How can you tell?

1 2 3 4 5 51) When you point at something, does your child look in the direction you point in?

1 2 3 4 5 52) Can your child follow simple directions such as "Get your coat"?

1 2 3 4 5 53) Can your child follow longer directions that contain more than one idea, such as "Get your coat and bring me your shoes"?

1 2 3 4 5 54) Does your child listen to you when you read him/her short stories?

1 2 3 4 5 55) Does your child seem interested in conversations that other people are having?

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Object Play

- 1 2 3 4 5 56) Does he/she play with lots of different toys?
- 1 2 3 4 5 57) Does your child use his/her toys in appropriate ways, the way they were designed to be used? (e.g., rolling a toy car, putting Legos together, pushing the buttons on a pop-up toy)
- 1 2 3 4 5 58) Does your child use toys in unusual ways, such as spinning them, or lining them up over and over again? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 59) Does your child play with toys or other objects in the same exact way each time? Examples?

Imaginative Play

- 1 2 3 4 5 60) Does your child use his/her imagination when playing with toys or other objects -- such as pretending that a teacup is a hat or that a comb is an airplane? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 61) Does your child play pretend games by him/herself, such as pretending to be a superhero? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 62) Does your child play pretend games with other children, like playing "mommy," "daddy," or "teacher"? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 63) Does your child play many different pretend games?

Sensory Responses

- 1 2 3 4 5 64) Does your child fail to respond to painful events, such as falling down or bumping his/her head? What does he/she do when hurt?
- 1 2 3 4 5 65) Is your child overly sensitive to being touched?
- 1 2 3 4 5 66) Does your child examine objects by sniffing or smelling them?
- 1 2 3 4 5 67) Does he/she examine objects by licking or tasting them?
- 1 2 3 4 5 68) Is your child overly interested in the way things feel?
- 1 2 3 4 5 69) Does he/she enjoy touching or rubbing certain surfaces? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 70) Is your child overly sensitive to sounds or noises? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 71) Does your child cover his/her ears at certain sounds? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 72) Does it seem like your child does not hear well?
- 1 2 3 4 5 73) Does your child ever ignore loud noises? Examples?

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- 1 2 3 4 5 74) Is your child overly interested in looking at small details or parts of objects? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 75) Is your child overly interested in watching the movements of his/her hands or fingers?
- 1 2 3 4 5 76) Is your child overly interested in watching objects that spin? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 77) Is your child overly interested in looking at lights or shiny objects? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 78) Does your child look at things out of the corner of his/her eyes? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 79) Does your child do things without looking at what he/she is doing? Examples?

Motoric Behaviors

- 1 2 3 4 5 80) Does your child spin or whirl him/herself around for long periods of time?
- 1 2 3 4 5 81) Does your child move his/her hands or fingers in unusual or repetitive ways (e.g., flapping or twisting them)? Example?
- 1 2 3 4 5 82) Does your child walk in unusual ways (e.g., on his/her toes)? Example?
- 1 2 3 4 5 83) Does your child hurt him/herself on purpose, such as by banging his/her head, biting his/her hand, or hitting any part of his/her body? Example?

Need for Sameness

- 1 2 3 4 5 84) Does your child insist on certain routines or rituals, such as insisting on wearing a certain jacket when he/she goes outside? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 85) Does your child become upset if changes are made in his/her daily routines –for example, if a different parent puts him/her to bed? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 86) Does your child become upset if changes are made in the household-- such as if furniture is moved? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 87) Does your child have certain favorite objects or toys that he/she insists on carrying around? What are they?
- 1 2 3 4 5 88) Does your child become upset when things don't look right--such as if the rug has a spot on it or books in a bookshelf are leaning? Examples?
- 1 2 3 4 5 89) Does your child become agitated or upset by new people, places, or activities? Example?
- 1 2 3 4 5 90) Does your child insist on wearing only certain clothes or types of clothes? Example?

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1 2 3 4 5 91) Does he/she become upset when new clothes are put on?

1 2 3 4 5 92) Does your child have certain mealtime rituals, such as eating from only one specific plate? Example?

1 2 3 4 5 93) Does your child have unusual food preferences, such as only eating foods of certain color or texture? Example?

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