

Adult-Child Interaction Checklist

This checklist includes practices that can be used to engage a child in adult-child interactive episodes to promote and support child competence. The main focus of the practice is responding promptly and positively (contingently) to a child's behavior to elicit or maintain child interactions with an adult during everyday activities and play. Adult contingent responsiveness is characterized by sensitive, prompt, positive, and an appropriate amount of adult responses to maintain and not interrupt child interactions.

The checklist indicators can be used by a practitioner to develop a plan to use the practice with a child or to promote a parent's or other family members' use of the practice. The checklist rating scale can be used to do a self-evaluation to determine if the different practice characteristics were used by a practitioner with a child or as part of promoting a parent's use of the practices.

Practitioner: _____ Child: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate which practice characteristics you were able to use as part of interactions with a child:	Seldom or Never (0-25%)	Some of the Time (25-50%)	As Often As I Can (50-75%)	Most of the Time (75-100%)	Notes
1. Observe the child's participation in everyday activities and social play	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Identify the focus of the child's attention or engagement in the activities(e.g., child interests)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Follow the child's lead and interests or preferences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Interpret the child's behavior and responses as an intent to interact or communicate with you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Respond promptly and positively (contingently) to the child's behavior in a way that maintains a child's interactions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Enter into the child's play or interactions to encourage your-turn-my-turn play and joint-attention interactions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Encourage the child to try new things (behavior elaborations) through modeling, expansions, or other types of guided supports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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