## **NICHQ Vanderbuilt Assessment Scales**

Used for diagnosing ADHD



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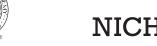
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Today's Date	: Child's Name:	_ Grade l	Level:		
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Today's Date: Child's Name:					
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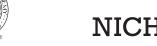
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Today's Date	: Child's Name:	Grade Level:							
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### For Parents of Children With ADHD

### **General Tips**

- 1. Rules should be clear and brief. Your child should know exactly what you expect from him or her.
- 2. Give your child chores. This will give him or her a sense of responsibility and boost self-esteem.
- 3. Short lists of tasks are excellent to help a child remember.
- 4. Routines are extremely important for children with ADHD. Set up regular times for meals, homework, TV, getting up, and going to bed. Follow through on the schedule!
- 5. Identify what your child is good at doing (like art, math, computer skills) and build on it.
- 6. Tell your child that you love and support him or her unconditionally.
- 7. Catch your child being good and give immediate positive feedback.

## **Common Daily Problems**

It is very hard to get my child ready for school in the morning.

- Create a consistent and predictable schedule for rising and getting ready in the morning.
- Set up a routine so that your child can predict the order of events. Put this routine in writing or in pictures on a poster for your child. Schedule example:
  - Alarm goes off → Brush teeth → Wash face → Get dressed → Eat breakfast → Take medication → Get on school bus
- Reward and praise your child! This will motivate your child to succeed. Even if your child does not succeed in all parts of the "morning routine," use praise to reward your child when he or she is successful. Progress is often made in a series of small steps!
- If your child is on medication, try waking your child up 30 to 45 minutes before the usual wake time and give him or her the medication immediately. Then allow your child to "rest" in bed for the next 30 minutes. This rest period will allow the medication to begin working and your child will be better able to participate in the morning routine.

## My child is very irritable in the late afternoon/early evening. (Common side effect of stimulant medications)

- The late afternoon and evening is often a very stressful time for all children in all families because parents and children have had to "hold it all together" at work and at school.
- If your child is on medication, your child may also be experiencing "rebound"—the time when your child's medication is wearing off and ADHD symptoms may reappear.
- Adjust your child's dosing schedule so that the medication is not wearing off during a time of "high demand" (for example, when homework or chores are usually being done).

- Create a period of "downtime" when your child can do calm activities like listen to music, take a bath, read, etc.
- Alternatively, let your child "blow off extra energy and tension" by doing some physical exercise.
- Talk to you child's doctor about giving your child a smaller dose of medication in the late afternoon. This is called a "stepped down" dose and helps a child transition off of medication in the evening.

## My child is losing weight or not eating enough. (Common side effects of stimulant medication use)

- Encourage breakfast with calorie-dense foods.
- Give the morning dose of medication after your child has already eaten breakfast. Afternoon doses should also be given after lunch.
- Provide your child with nutritious after-school and bedtime snacks that are high in protein and in complex carbohydrates. Examples: Nutrition/protein bars, shakes/drinks made with protein powder, liquid meals.
- Get eating started with any highly preferred food before giving other foods.
- Consider shifting dinner to a time later in the evening when your child's medication has worn off. Alternatively, allow your child to "graze" in the evening on healthy snacks, as he or she may be hungriest right before bed.
- Follow your child's height and weight with careful measurements at your child's doctor's office and talk to your child's doctor.

### **Homework Tips**

- Establish a routine and schedule for homework (a specific time and place.) Don't allow your child to wait until the evening to get started.
- Limit distractions in the home during homework hours (reducing unnecessary noise, activity, and phone calls, and turning off the TV).
- Praise and compliment your child when he or she puts forth good effort and completes tasks. In a supportive, noncritical manner, it is appropriate and helpful to assist in pointing out and making some corrections of errors on the homework.
- It is not your responsibility to correct all of your child's errors on homework or make him or her complete and turn in a perfect paper.
- Remind your child to do homework and offer incentives:
   "When you finish your homework, you can watch TV or play a game."
- If your child struggles with reading, help by reading the material together or reading it to your son or daughter.
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 Many parents find it very difficult to help their own child with schoolwork. Find someone who can. Consider hiring a tutor!
 Often a junior or senior high school student is ideal, depending on the need and age of your child.

## Discipline

- Be firm. Set rules and keep to them.
- Make sure your child understands the rules, so he or she does not feel uninformed.
- Use positive reinforcement. Praise and reward your child for good behavior.

- Change or rotate rewards frequently to maintain a high interest level.
- Punish behavior, not the child. If your child misbehaves, try alternatives like allowing natural consequences, withdrawing yourself from the conflict, or giving your child a choice.

## **Taking Care of Yourself**

- Come to terms with your child's challenges and strengths.
- Seek support from family and friends or professional help such as counseling or support groups.
- Help other family members recognize and understand ADHD.







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- Assist your child in dividing assignments into smaller parts or segments that are more manageable and less overwhelming.
- Assist your child in getting started on assignments (eg, read the directions together, do the first items together, observe as your child does the next problem/item on his or her own). Then get up and leave.
- Monitor and give feedback without doing all the work together. You want your child to attempt as much as possible independently.
- Praise and compliment your child when he or she puts forth good effort and completes tasks. In a supportive, noncritical manner it is appropriate and helpful to assist in pointing out and making some corrections of errors on the homework.
- It is not your responsibility to correct all of your child's errors on homework or make him or her complete and turn in a perfect paper.
- Remind your child to do homework and offer incentives: "When you finish your homework, you can..."
- A contract for a larger incentive/reinforcer may be worked out as part of a plan to motivate your child to persist and follow through with homework. ("If you have no missing or late homework assignments this next week, you will earn. . .").
- Let the teacher know your child's frustration and tolerance level in the evening. The teacher needs to be aware of the amount of time it takes your child to complete tasks and what efforts you are making to help at home.

- **Help your child study for tests.** Study together. Quiz your child in a variety of formats.
- If your child struggles with reading, help by reading the material together or reading it to your son or daughter.
- Work a certain amount of time and then stop working on homework. Don't force your child to spend an excessive and inappropriate amount of time on homework. If you feel your child worked enough for one night, write a note to the teacher attached to the homework.
- It is very common for students with ADHD to fail to turn in their finished work. It is very frustrating to know your child struggled to do the work, but then never gets credit for having done it. Papers seem to mysteriously vanish off the face of the earth! Supervise to make sure that completed work leaves the home and is in the notebook/backpack. You may want to arrange with the teacher a system for collecting the work immediately on arrival at school.
- Many parents find it very difficult to help their own child with schoolwork. Find someone who can. Consider hiring a tutor!
   Often a junior or senior high school student is ideal, depending on the needs and age of your child.
- Make sure your child has the phone number of a study buddy—at least one responsible classmate to call for clarification of homework assignments.
- Parents, the biggest struggle is keeping on top of those dreaded long-range homework assignments (eg, reports, projects). This is something you will need to be vigilant about. Ask for a copy of the project requirements. Post the list at home and go over it together with your child. Write the due date on a master calendar. Then plan how to break down the project into manageable parts, scheduling steps along the way. Get started AT ONCE with going to the library, gathering resources, beginning the reading, and so forth.

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## **ADHD Resources Available on the Internet**

#### **ADHD Information**

**About Our Kids** 

http://www.aboutourkids.org/articles/about\_adhd.html

**ADDitude Magazine for People With ADHD** 

http://www.additudemag.com

**ADDvance Online Resource for Women and Girls With ADHD** 

http://www.addvance.com

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

http://www.aafp.org

**American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)** 

http://www.aap.org

American Medical Association (AMA)

http://www.ama-assn.org

**Attention-Deficit Disorder Association (ADDA)** 

http://www.add.org

**Attention Research Update Newsletter** 

http://www.helpforadd.com

**Bright Futures** 

http://www.brightfutures.org

Center for Mental Health Services Knowledge Exchange Network

http://www.mentalhealth.org

Children and Adults With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD)

http://www.chadd.org

Comprehensive Treatment for Attention-Deficit Disorder (CTADD)

http://www.ctadd.com

Curry School of Education (University of Virginia) ADD Resources

http://teis.virginia.edu/go/cise/ose/categories/add.html

**Intermountain Health Care** 

http://www.ihc.com/xp/ihc/physician/clinicalprograms/primarycare/adhd.xml

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)

http://nccam.nih.gov

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

http://www.nimh.nih.gov/publicat/adhdmenu.cfm

**Northern County Psychiatric Associates** 

http://www.ncpamd.com/adhd.htm

**One ADD Place** 

http://www.oneaddplace.com

**Pediatric Development and Behavior** 

http://www.dbpeds.org

San Diego ADHD Web Page

http://www.sandiegoadhd.com

**Vanderbilt Child Development Center** 

http://peds.mc.vanderbilt.edu/cdc/rating~1.html

## **Educational Resources**

American Association of People With Disabilities (AAPD)

http://www.aapd.com

**Consortium for Citizens With Disabilities** 

http://www.c-c-d.org

**Council for Learning Disabilities** 

http://www.cldinternational.org

**Education Resources Information Center (ERIC)** 

http://ericir.syr.edu

**Federal Resource Center for Special Education** 

http://www.dssc.org/frc

**Internet Resource for Special Children** 

http://www.irsc.org

**Learning Disabilities Association of America** 

http://www.ldanatl.org

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## National Information Center for Children and Youth With Disabilities (NICHCY)

http://www.nichcy.org

Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights (PACER) Center

http://www.pacer.org

SAMSHSA

http://www.disabilitydirect.gov

SandraRief.com

http://sandrarief.com

**TeachingLD** 

http://www.dldcec.org

**US Department of Education** 

http://www.ed.gov

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