

Play Observation Checklist

Observer: _____ Play Setting: _____ Date: _____

Approximate Child Age: ____ Child Gender: M F Hand Preference: L R

Initiation of Play	Observed		Comments / Questions Behavior
	Yes	No	
Child quickly engages in play			
Child requires help in getting started			
Child needs encouragement			
Child directs his/her own play			
Child shows initiative or curiosity			
Child appears impulsive			
Child initiates but appears unable to stay with task			
Energy Expanded in Play	Observed		Comments / Questions Behavior
	Yes	No	
Child works at an even pace			
Child pursues activities to the point of tiring out			
Child gains momentum as play proceeds			
Child's movements are well coordinated / goal directed			
Child's pace varies with activity			
Play seems listless / lethargic			
Concentration	Observed		Comments / Questions Behavior
	Yes	No	
Child maintains consistent attention to task			
Child is easily distracted by miscellaneous noise			
Child sings, hums, or talks to self			

Content of Play	Observed		Comments / Questions Behavior
	Yes	No	
Child shows a positive emotional tone in play			
Child throws or destroys play materials			
Child has peculiar elements to play (specify)			
Child's play content appears haphazard			
Child's play shows creativity and imagination			
Play integrates others (Not solitary)			
Play appears rigid			
Play content is age appropriate			
Child's play is stereotypical in content			