

MOTIVATION ASSESSMENT SCALE

Students Name: _____ Behavior being assessed: _____

NEVER	ALMOST NEVER	SELDOM	HALF THE TIME	USUALLY	ALMOST ALWAYS	ALWAYS
0	1	2	3	4	5	6
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TOTAL OF ANSWERS 1-4 RECORDED HERE						

1. Would this behavior occur continuously if your child were left alone for long periods of time? (e.g. an hour)
2. Does this behavior occur repeatedly over and over, in the same way? (e.g. rocking back and forth for 5 minutes)
3. Does it appear to you that the child enjoys performing this behavior and would continue even if no one were around?
4. When this behavior is occurring, does the child seem unaware of anything else going on around him/her?

5. Does the behavior occur following a command to perform a difficult task?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
6. Does the behavior occur when any request is made of the individual?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
7. Does the individual seem to do this behavior to upset or annoy you when you are trying to get him/her to do what you ask?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
8. Does the behavior stop occurring shortly after you stop working or making demands of him/her?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
TOTAL OF ANSWERS 5-8 RECORDED HERE							

9. Does this behavior occur when you are talking to other people in the room?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
10. Does this behavior occur whenever you stop attending to the child?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
11. Does the child seem to do this behavior to upset or annoy you when you are not paying attention to him/her? (e.g. talking on the phone, talking to another child)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
12. Does the child seem to do this behavior to get you to spend time with him/her?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
TOTAL OF ANSWERS 9-12 RECORDED HERE							

13. Does this behavior ever occur to get an item, food, or game that they had been told they cannot have?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
14. Does the behavior occur when you take away a favorite item or food?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
15. Does this behavior stop occurring shortly after you give the child the toy or food they requested?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
16. Does this behavior seem to occur when the child has been told they cannot do something they wanted to do?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
TOTAL OF ANSWERS 13-16 RECORDED HERE							

SENSORY	
ESCAPE	
ATTENTION	
TANGIBLE	

FUNCTIONS WITH HIGHEST TO LOWEST SCORE	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	