

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Interviewer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Interviewee's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Problem Identification Interview (PII) Guide**

- 1.) **General statement to introduce discussion/Identify problem:** (e.g., Describe Johnny's hyperactive behavior).
- 2.) **Behavior specification/operationalize:** (e.g., What does Johnny do when he is hyperactive? Specify examples. Ask for as many examples of the problem behavior as possible.)
- 3.) **Specify behavior priorities.** (To help prioritize problems, ask the interviewee, "On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 = no problem and 10 = sever problem, how severe is the problem for you?"
- 4.) **Behavior setting:** a precise description of the settings in which the problem behaviors occur, e.g., "Where does \_\_\_\_\_ do this? Specify examples (home; where in home) Ask for as many examples as possible:
- 5.) **Specify setting priorities.** (To help prioritize problems, ask the interviewee, "On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 = no problem and 10 = sever problem, which setting is causing the most difficulty for you?"
- 6.) **Identify antecedents:** (For each behavior)
- 7.) **Sequential conditions analysis:** (e.g., When during the day does the behavior occur and/or what is the pattern of antecedent-consequent conditions across several occurrences of the problem behavior):
- 8.) **Identify consequent conditions:** (For each behavior)
- 9.) **Summarize and validate antecedent, consequent and sequential conditions:**

10.) **Identify behavior strength:**

**Frequency:**

**Duration:**

11.) **Summarize and validate behavior strength:**

12.) **Tentative definition of goal-question** interviewee (e.g., How frequently could Johnny leave his seat without causing problems?")

13.) **Client assets question:** (Determine preferences and strengths)

14.) Question interviewee about **past approaches** interviewee has tried to solve the problem:

15.) **Summarization statement and validation of the main problem:**

16.) Provide **rationale for data recording:**

17.) Discuss **data collection procedures:**

18.) **Summarize and validate recording procedures:**

19.) **Establish date and time to begin data collection:**

20.) **Establish data and time for next meeting:**