Evaluation Team Observation Form & Probe Questions

Student's Name: Observation Location: Date:

| Reciprocal Social Interaction | Communication as it Relates to ASD |
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| Nonverbal Behaviors Use eye contact to engage the conversational partner? Use facial expressions to match the situation? Gesture to engage and influence? Demonstrate consciousness of physical proximity? Peer Relationships Interact with peers in activities appropriate to developmental level? Appear indifferent to peers? Engage in developmentally appropriate activities? Appear attuned to the subtleties of interactions with peers? Spontaneous Sharing Approach or seek out another person? Approach another person to share something of interest? Reciprocity Take turns during conversation? Show empathy to match the mood of peer? Exhibit tolerance of changes of topic? Show an awareness of the partner's interests during conversation or play? | Communicative Intent Respond to other people? Communicate to request or protest? Gesture or take the hand of an adult to direct the adult to a wanted item? Use eye gaze, vocalizations, facial gestures, signing, or pictures to indicate wants? Pragmatics Provide sufficient background or reference information to partner to understand and participate in conversation? Use and react to nonverbal cues exhibited by others? Use vocabulary and knowledge base to express emotions/feelings in a variety of situations? Understand and use non-literal language (e.g., idioms or slang)? Discuss at length a single topic that is of little or no interest to others? Stereotyped/Repetitive Use of Language Display atypical communication such as echolalia, perseveration, and pronoun reversals? Speak with flat, emotionless voice or with exaggerated inflection? Repeatedly use a limited number of utterances? Lack Varied Play Play with toys as intended? Recognize the play repertoire of peers has changed? Participate in age-appropriate play? |
| Restrictive, Repetitive, and Stereotypical Behaviors | OTHER Relevant Impacting Factors |
| Preoccupation Exhibit an all-consuming, high interest in objects, topics, or themes beyond typical developmentally appropriate levels? Have a restricted or narrow range of interests, | Academic: |
| including unusual interests, as compared to peers?Show difficulty letting go of perseverative thoughts, activities, actions, or behaviors? | Cognitive Functioning: |
| Inflexibility Use ritualistic actions or behaviors? Rigidity in routine, difficulty with change and/or transitions? Display an insistence on sameness? | Sensory Including Impact on the Three ASD domains: |
| Stereotyped or Repetitive Motor Mannerisms Display repetitive motor or vocal patterns such as flapping, rocking, pacing, humming, picking, or chewing? Use self-injurious behavior? | Characteristics Related to Other Disabilities: |
| Preoccupation with Parts of Objects • Twirl, spin, and/or bang objects in a hyper-focused manner? Fixate on how an object works rather than its function? | |

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