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# Developmental Milestones-Parent Assessment Report

Child's Name/ID: Sue J

Age: 4 years and 4 months

Gender: Female

Birth Date: October 11, 2004

Childcare Setting/School Grade: Preschool

Parent's Name/ID: Mrs. J

Administration Date: February 15, 2009

Assessor Name: ES
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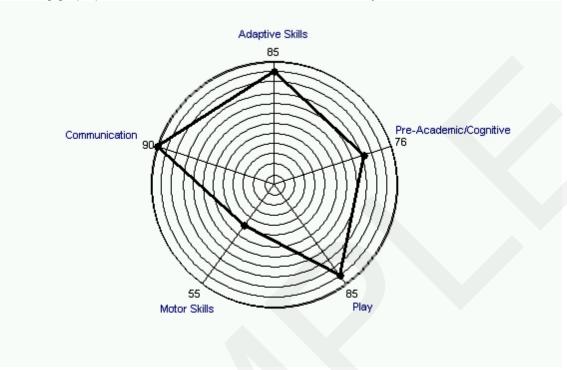
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# **Summary of Results**

#### **Overview of Scores**

The following graph provides *T*-scores for each of the Conners Early Childhood DM–P scales.



## **Summary of Elevated Scores**

The following section summarizes areas of concern for Sue J based on her parent's ratings. Note that areas that are not a concern are not reported in this summary.

#### **Developmental Milestone Scales**

The *T*-scores for the following Conners Early Childhood Developmental Milestone scales are **very elevated** (i.e., *T*-score  $\geq$  70), indicating many more concerns than are typically reported: Adaptive Skills (T = 85), Communication (T = 90), Play (T = 85) and Pre-Academic/Cognitive (T = 76).

#### **Impairment**

The parent reports that Sue J's problems **occasionally** (rating = 1) seriously affect her learning, interactions with other children, and home life.

#### Conners Early Childhood DM-P Results and IDEA

Scores suggest possible consideration for IDEA 2004 eligibility in the following area(s): Autism, Developmental Delay-Adaptive, Developmental Delay-Cognitive, Developmental Delay-Communication, Mental Retardation/Intellectual Disability, Specific Learning Disability and Speech or Language Impairment.

## **Cautionary Remarks**

This Summary of Results section provides information only about areas that are a concern. Please refer to the remainder of the Assessment Report for further information regarding areas that are not elevated or could not be scored due to too many omitted items.

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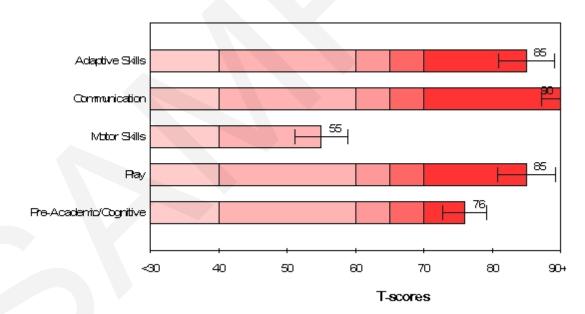
## Introduction

The Conners Early Childhood Developmental Milestones—Parent (Conners Early Childhood DM—P) is an assessment tool used to obtain a parent's observations about his or her child's behavior. This instrument is designed to assess a wide range of developmental milestones in young children. When used in combination with other information, results from the Conners Early Childhood DM—P can provide valuable information to aid in assessment and guide intervention decisions. This report provides information about the parent's assessment of the child, how he/she compares to other children, and which scales are elevated. See the *Conners Early Childhood Manual* (published by MHS) for more information.

This computerized report is an interpretive aid and should not be given to parents or other unqualified users, or used as the sole criterion for clinical decision-making. Administrators are cautioned against drawing unsupported interpretations. Combining information from this report with information gathered from other psychometric measures, interviews, observations, and review of available records will give the assessor a more comprehensive view of the child than might be obtained from any one source. This report is based on an algorithm that produces the most common interpretations for the obtained scores. Administrators should review the parent's responses to specific items to ensure that these interpretations apply to the child being described.

# **Developmental Milestone Scales:** *T***-scores**

The following graph provides *T*-scores for each of the scales. High *T*-scores for the Developmental Milestone scales suggest that the parent has concerns about Sue J's development. The error bars on each bar represent Standard Error of Measurement (*SEM*) for each scale score. For information on *SEM*, see the *Conners Early Childhood Manual*.



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# **Developmental Milestone Scales: Detailed Scores**

The following table summarizes the results of the parent's assessment of Sue J, and provides general information about how she compares to the normative group. Please refer to the *Conners Early Childhood Manual* for more interpretation information.

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Scale	Raw Score	T-score ± SEM (Percentile)	Guideline	Common Characteristics of High Scorers Potential delay in the development of
Adaptive Skills	22	85 ± 4.1 (99)	Very Elevated Score (Many more concerns than are typically reported)	Adaptive functioning skills, including dressing, eating/drinking, toileting, personal hygiene, and helping.
Communication	25	90 ± 2.8 (99)	Very Elevated Score (Many more concerns than are typically reported)	Expressive and receptive language, including verbal, facial, and gestural communication.
Motor Skills	12	55 ± 3.9 (74)	Average Score (Typical levels of concern)	Fine and gross motor skills.
Play	7	85 ± 4.2 (99)	Very Elevated Score (Many more concerns than are typically reported)	Imaginative and pretend play.
Pre-Academic/ Cognitive	25	76 ± 3.2 (97)	Very Elevated Score (Many more concerns than are typically reported)	Knowledge of pre-academic concepts (e.g., shapes, colors, letters, numbers, and body parts), pre-reading skills (e.g., rhyming, name recognition), and early memory/reasoning skills.

Note: SEM = Standard Error of Measurement

## **Impairment**

The parent's report of Sue J's level of impairment in learning/pre-academic, peer interactions, and home settings is presented below.

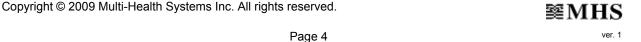
Item	Item Content	Parent's Rating		ing	Guideline		
		0	1	2	3	?	
IM 1	Learning/Pre-Academic		✓				Problems occasionally seriously affect learning.
IM 2	Peer Interactions		✓				Problems occasionally seriously affect interactions with other children.
IM 3	Home Life		✓				Problems occasionally seriously affect home life.

**Parent's rating:** 0 = Not true at all (Never, Seldom); 1 = Just a little true (Occasionally); 2 = Pretty much true (Often, Quite a bit); 3 = Very much true (Very often, Very frequently); ? = Omitted Item.

## **Additional Questions**

The following section displays additional comments from the parent about Sue J.

Item	Item Content	Parent's Response
Number		
AQ 1	Additional concerns about your child	This item was omitted.
AQ 2	Child's strengths or skills	This item was omitted.



# Conners Early Childhood DM-P Results and IDEA

The Conners Early Childhood DM-P provides information that may be useful to consider when determining whether a child is eligible for early intervention or special education and related services under current U.S. federal statutes, such as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004). The following table summarizes areas of IDEA 2004 categorization that are typically considered when a particular score is elevated. The "At Risk; Followup Recommended" column indicates which areas are elevated for Sue J, suggesting the need for follow-up to determine if she is eligible for services under IDEA 2004 in this particular area.

The information in this table is based on IDEA 2004 and general interpretation/application of this federal law. Specific state and local education agencies may have specific requirements that supersede these recommendations. The assessor is reminded to review local policies that may impact decision making. An elevated score is not sufficient justification for IDEA 2004 eligibility. The IDEA 2004 indicates that categorization is not required for provision of services, particularly in the case of early intervention services. In most districts, a child qualifies for early intervention services if there is evidence that he/she is at risk for substantial delays if services are not provided (even if no developmental delays or diagnoses have been documented yet). Please see the Conners Early Childhood Manual for further discussion of IDEA 2004.

Content Areas	At Risk; Follow-up Recommended	Possible IDEA Eligibility Category		
Developmental Milestone Scales				
Adaptive Skills	✓	DD-Adaptive, MR/ID		
Communication	✓	Autism, DD-Communication, S/L		
Motor Skills		DD-Physical, OHI		
Play	✓	Autism, DD-Cognitive, MR/ID		
Pre-Academic/Cognitive	✓	DD-Cognitive, DD-Communication, MR/ID, LD, S/L		

DD = Developmental Delay; LD = Specific Learning Disability; MR/ID = Mental Retardation/Intellectual Disability; OHI = Other Health Impairment; S/L = Speech or Language Impairment.



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## **Item Responses**

The parent marked the following responses for items on the Conners Early Childhood DM-P.

## **Developmental Milestone Scales**

Item	Parent's Rating										
DM1.	1	DM14.	2	DM27.	2	DM40.	1	DM53.	1	DM66.	0
DM2.	2	DM15.	0	DM28.	0	DM41.	1	DM54.	0	DM67.	2
DM3.	1	DM16.	1	DM29.	2	DM42.	1	DM55.	1	DM68.	0
DM4.	0	DM17.	0	DM30.	2	DM43.	1	DM56.	1	DM69.	0
DM5.	0	DM18.	1	DM31.	0	DM44.	0	DM57.	0	DM70.	0
DM6.	1	DM19.	1	DM32.	1	DM45.	2	DM58.	1	DM71.	2
DM7.	1	DM20.	1	DM33.	1	DM46.	1	DM59.	0	DM72.	1
DM8.	0	DM21.	1	DM34.	1	DM47.	2	DM60.	1	DM73.	2
DM9.	0	DM22.	1	DM35.	1	DM48.	0	DM61.	0	DM74.	0
DM10.	0	DM23.	0	DM36.	1	DM49.	1	DM62.	1	DM75.	0
DM11.	1	DM24.	2	DM37.	0	DM50.	1	DM63.	0	IM1.	1
DM12.	0	DM25.	0	DM38.	1	DM51.	2	DM64.	1	IM2.	1
DM13.	0	DM26.	1	DM39.	1	DM52.	0	DM65.	1	IM3.	1

Parent's rating (DM items): 0 = No (Never or rarely); 1 = Sometimes; 2 = Yes (Always or almost always); ? = Omitted item

**Parent's rating (IM items):** 0 = Not true at all (Never, Seldom); 1 = Just a little true (Occasionally); 2 = Pretty much true (Often, Quite a bit); 3 = Very much true (Very often, Very frequently); ? = Omitted item.

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# Conners Early Childhood Feedback Handout for Parent Ratings

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Child's Name: Sue J

Child's Age: 4 years and 4 months

**Date of Assessment:** February 15, 2009

Parent's Name: Mrs. J
Assessor's Name: ES

This feedback handout explains scores from parent ratings of this child's behaviors and feelings as assessed by the Conners Early Childhood–Parent form (Conners Early Childhood–P). This section of the report may be given to parents (caregivers) or to a third party if parental consent is granted.

#### What is the Conners Early Childhood?

The Conners Early Childhood is a set of rating scales used to gather information about young children. The Conners forms were developed by Dr. Conners, an expert in child behavior, and can be completed by parents and teachers (or childcare providers). Research has shown that the Conners scales are reliable and valid, which means that you can trust the scores that are produced by the parent's ratings.

#### Why do parents complete the Conners Early Childhood?

Information from parents (or guardians) about their child's behavior and feelings is extremely important, as parents generally know their child better than anyone else. Parents can describe their child's behaviors in a number of different situations, including the home and community.

The Conners Early Childhood is typically used to better understand a child's difficulties and find a way to help. The Conners Early Childhood can also be used for a child receiving treatment to see if the child is improving. Sometimes the Conners Early Childhood is used as a routine check, even when the child does not appear to have a problem. If you are not sure why the parent was asked to complete the Conners Early Childhood, please ask the assessor listed at the top of this feedback form.

#### How does the Conners Early Childhood work?

The parent marked 75 developmental milestones to describe how often Sue J shows each skill without help. The parent's responses to these statements were combined into several groups of items. Each group of items describes a developmental area (for example, communication). The parent's responses were compared with what is expected for girls who are the same age as Sue J. The scores for each group of items tell how similar Sue J is to her peers. This information helps the assessor know if Sue J is having more difficulty in a certain area than other girls who are the same age.

## Results from the Conners Early Childhood-Parent Form

The assessor who asked the parent to complete the Conners Early Childhood will help explain these results and answer any questions you might have. Remember, these scores were calculated from how the parent described Sue J in the past month. The parent ratings are supposed to let the assessor know how Sue J acts at home and in the community. The results from parent ratings on the Conners Early Childhood should be combined with other important information, such as interviews with Sue J's parent, other test results, and observations of Sue J. All of the combined information is used to determine if Sue J needs help in a certain area and what kind of help is needed.

As you go through the results, it is very helpful to share any additional insights that you might have, make notes, and freely discuss the results with the assessor. If the results do not make sense to you, you should let the assessor know so that you can discuss other possible explanations.

Remember that the parent's responses to all of the items were combined into groups of possible problem areas. The following tables list the main topics covered by the Conners Early Childhood–Parent form. These scores were compared with other girls who are the same age as Sue J. This gives you information about whether the parent described typical or average levels of concern (that is, "not an area of concern") or if the parent described "more concerns than average" for girls who are the same age as Sue J.



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## **Developmental Milestones**

The tables below summarize the parent's observations of Sue J's developmental milestones. The tables also give you examples of the skills that are included in each developmental area. Sue J may not have delays in all aspects of an area; it is possible to have "more concerns than average" even if only some of the skills are delayed. Also, it is possible that the parent may describe typical or average levels of concern even if Sue J is showing some delays in an area.

#### Self-Care

Not an area of concern	More concerns than average (elevated score)	Skills included in developmental area
	✓	Dressing, eating & drinking, toileting, personal hygiene, and helping.

#### Communication

Not an area of concern	More concerns than average (elevated score)	Skills included in developmental area
	<b>√</b>	Explaining and understanding with spoken language, facial expressions, and gestures.

#### **Physical Movement**

Not an area of concern	Skills included in developmental area
✓	Using fingers and body to do things like drawing and jumping.

#### Play

Not an area of concern	More concerns than average (elevated score)	Skills included in developmental area
	✓	Imaginative and pretend play.

Thinking and Learning

Not an area of concern	More concerns than average (elevated score)	Skills included in developmental area
	✓	Learning important concepts like shapes, colors, letters, numbers, and body parts. Showing pre-reading skills. Using early memory and reasoning skills.

It is important to discuss these results with the assessor listed at the top of this feedback handout. This feedback handout only describes results from the Conners Early Childhood-Parent form. A checkmark in the "more concerns than average" box does not necessarily mean that Sue J has a serious problem and is in need of treatment. Conners Early Childhood results must be combined with information from other sources and be confirmed by a qualified clinician before concluding that an actual problem exists.

## **Impairment**

When asked to rate whether the problems described on the Conners Early Childhood-Parent form affected the child's functioning, the parent responded:

The parent indicated that Sue J's problems occasionally seriously affect her learning.

The parent indicated that Sue J's problems occasionally seriously affect her interactions with other children.

The parent indicated that Sue J's problems occasionally seriously affect her home life.

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