

# LEARNING NEEDS SCREENING

INTERVIEWER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERVIEW DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT/CUSTOMER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER:     Male     Female

HOW MANY YEARS OF SCHOOLING HAVE YOU HAD? \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ALL EARNED:     High School Diploma     GED     Technical/Vocational Certificate  
                                   AA degree     Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT KIND OF JOB WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE IN THIS AREA?     Yes     No

WHAT MAKES IT HARD FOR YOU TO GET OR KEEP THIS KIND OF JOB? \_\_\_\_\_

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WHAT WOULD HELP? \_\_\_\_\_

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**BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE QUESTIONS, READ THIS STATEMENT ALOUD TO THE STUDENT/CUSTOMER:**

The following questions are about your school and life experiences.

It's important to find out how it was for you (or your family members) when you were in school/training and if there is anything that would get in the way now as you pursue education or training. Your responses to these questions are confidential and will help identify resources and services you might need to be successful in education, training and securing employment.

<b>Section A</b>	
1. Did you have any problems learning in middle school or junior high school?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2. Do any family members have learning problems?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
3. Do you have difficulty working with numbers in columns?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
4. Do you have trouble judging distances?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. Do you have problems working from a test booklet to an answer sheet?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<i>Count the number of "Yes's" for Section A</i>	
	___ X 1 = ___

<b>Section B</b>	
6. Do you have difficulty or experience problems mixing arithmetic signs (+/x)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
7. Did you have any problems learning in elementary school?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<i>Count the number of "Yes's" for Section B</i>	
	___ X 2 = ___

<b>Section C</b>	
8. Do you have difficulty remembering how to spell simple words you know?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. Do you have difficulty filling out forms?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. Did you (do you) experience difficulty memorizing numbers?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<i>Count the number of "Yes's" for Section C</i>	
	___ X 3 = ___

<b>Section D</b>	
11. Do you have trouble adding and subtracting small numbers in your head?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
12. Do you have difficulty or experience problems taking notes?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
13. Were you ever in a special program or given extra help in school?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<i>Count the number of "Yes's" for Section D</i>	
	___ X 4 = ___
<b>TOTAL YES'S MULTIPLIED BY FACTOR INDICATED FOR SECTIONS A, B, C, D</b>	
	___

14. Check to see if the student/customer has ever been diagnosed or told he/she has a learning disability.  
If so,

By whom? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you get the information or report? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## LEARNING NEEDS SCREENING DIRECTIONS

1. Ask the student/customer each question in each section (A, B, C, D) and question #14.
2. Record the student/customer's responses, checking "Yes" or "No."
3. Count the number of "Yes" answers in each section.
4. Multiply the number of "Yes" responses in each section by the number shown in the section subtotal. For example, multiply the number of "Yes's" obtained in Section C by 3.
5. Record the number obtained for each section after the "=" sign in the section subtotal.
6. To obtain a Total, add the subtotals from sections A, B, C and D.  
**If the Total from sections A, B, C and D is 12 or more, refer for further assessment.**

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## ADDITIONAL HEALTH SCREENING QUESTIONS TO ASK:

### GLASSES/VISION:

- Do you need or wear glasses? Yes  No
- Do you have trouble seeing? Yes  No
- When was your last examination?  
(within two years is acceptable) Yes  No

### HEARING:

- Do you need or wear a hearing aid? Yes  No
- Do you have trouble hearing? Yes  No
- Do you think you need a hearing exam? Yes  No

### MEDICAL/PHYSICAL:

Have you experienced any of the following (note age/when occurred with brief detail):

- multiple, chronic ear infections Yes  No
- multiple, chronic sinus problems Yes  No
- serious accidents resulting in head trauma Yes  No
- prolonged, high fevers Yes  No
- diabetes Yes  No
- severe allergies Yes  No
- frequent headaches Yes  No
- concussion or head injury Yes  No
- convulsions or seizures Yes  No
- long-term substance abuse problems Yes  No
- serious health problems Yes  No

Are you taking any medications that would affect the way you function? Yes  No

If yes, list medication: \_\_\_\_\_

How often (1x day, 2x day, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Is there a need for medical or follow-up services? Yes  No

Referrals needed/made: \_\_\_\_\_

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