

CHILD CLINICAL INTERVIEW

Greetings and confidentiality

General

Name, age, date of birth

Where do you live?

What grade are you in? School? What is your teacher's name?

Has anyone told you why you're here today? What did they tell you? What do you think?

School - let's talk about school

What activities? Like most in school/least?

Favorite teacher/least?

Subjects like most/least?

Ever get in trouble?

Ever worry about school? How spend a typical day?

If you could change one thing, what would it be?

Do House-Tree-Person drawings (use pencil, question later)

Family - let's talk about your home

People in family. Describe how get along with mom/dad/sibs

Who do you get most help from?

Describe home. Shared or separate rooms for kids?

Tell me about your room

Chores and rules/who sets/fair or unfair

Punishments/who punishes/fair or unfair

Parent relationship/arguments

If you could change something, what would it be?

Kinetic Family Drawing

What are they doing?

3 words to describe each person

What thinking/feeling

What is going to happen next?

Who do you get along with best/least

Friends - let's talk about friends

How many? /enough?/ ages/ a best friend?

What do you do with friends?

What do you like to do after school?

Describe someone like/dislike

Ever have problems getting along with friends? Fights? What happens? How do they end? Other ways to solve?

Ever feel lonely/left out/worried about friends?

Child - let's talk more about you. I'd like to talk about your drawings.

House Tree Person drawings

Questions

Interests

What do you like to do when you have time to play?

Tell me something you're good at

Favorite activities/sports/hobbies/clubs?

Favorite story? TV show/star/band?

What would you like to be when you are older?

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

If you could change places with anyone in the world, who would it be?

Memories/Fantasies

What animals do you like best? Describe/tell me.

3 wishes

If you were a magician, what magical powers would you like to have? How would magician solve problems?

If you woke up tomorrow and a miracle had happened, what would it be?

What is first thing you can remember from time you were a little baby?

Tell me about your dreams.

If you were on a desert island, what person would you choose to be with you?

Fears/Anxiety

What sorts of things make you scared? What do you do? Draw picture?

Tell me what you worry about.

How does worry affect you? Ask about sleep/ somatic symptoms/ phobias/obsessions /compulsions?

Has anything bad ever happened to you?

Trauma: nightmares, re-enactments, feel like you "space out"/forget/get lost

Moods/Feelings

If you have a problem, is there someone you can talk to?

How do you feel most of the time?

What sorts of things make you happy? Angry? Sad? Draw picture? (crayons)

What do you do when you're angry/sad

What is happiest thing that has ever happened? Saddest thing?

Suicide/Homicide: Ever felt so bad that you might hurt yourself or another?

Thought disorder

Hallucinations: Have you had any strange experiences-things you don't understand or scary? Imagine things? Had a dream while awake? Hear someone call your name and when check, no one there?

Hear more than your name when no one around? Ever seen anything no one else could see?

Delusions: Do you think someone is out to get you? Does something make you do things?