**Parent Interview**

*This sample form is intended to show only what types of questions are typically asked during a parent interview. Most actual interview protocols include many more questions.*

**Date:** 4/28/20XX

**Student:** Isaiah

**Grade:** 7

**Interviewer:** R. Turner, Special education teacher

**Parent:** W. Gallagher, Father

1. What does your child like and dislike about school?

He really likes doing anything creative, like writing and illustrating his own stories. He likes all the different computer games he’s allowed to play. He doesn’t like math, and he has a hard time understanding a lot of the academic content.

1. What specific behavior problems are you aware of that happen at school?

I get phone calls when he throws things or hits people.

1. Do these or other behaviors occur at home?

Sometimes he will get frustrated and a little physical when I tell him he has to do his homework. He’s usually pretty easygoing at home, but the expectations are different than at school.

1. How do you respond when these behaviors occur?

Usually, I just leave him alone and he calms down and keeps doing what he was doing. If I give him some warning for 2 more minutes or 5 more minutes before he has to come to the table to do his homework, he’s usually fine.

1. Do you have any ideas about why these behaviors might be happening?

The work is hard for him, and he needs a lot of help, so he doesn’t like to do it. He gets frustrated and overwhelmed when he has to stop doing what he likes to do and do something hard instead.

*This interview was adapted from* [*O’Neill et al. (2015)*](https://www.cengage.com/c/functional-assessment-and-program-development-for-problem-behavior-a-practical-handbook-3e-o-neill-albin-storey-horner-sprague/9781285734828/) *and* [*Hanley et al. (2009)*](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdoi.org%2F10.1037%2Ft24967-000&data=05%7C02%7Cnicholas.m.shea%40Vanderbilt.Edu%7Cb10f8afc49bd42c2038208dd924f52a6%7Cba5a7f39e3be4ab3b45067fa80faecad%7C0%7C0%7C638827591593232092%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2BixC6J4JAUrRSqkxqcXlPTqaeN9e6lbOYt8kY%2FYUnT4%3D&reserved=0)*.*