

### **Pictorial Pediatric Symptom Checklist- 17 Scoring Instructions**

The PPSC-17 is for children 4 to 18 years of age and serves as an accurate quick screen for attentional, behavioral, and emotional/mental health problems. To score the PPSC-17, a value of 0 is assigned to “never [*nunca*]”, 1 to “sometimes [*algunas veces*]” and 2 to “often [*con frecuencia*.]” Groups of items (described below) are then summed to create factor scores. Totals can be placed on the parent-completed form or in the child’s chart. If you need this measure in Japanese or Chinese or wish to use the Youth Self-Report version go to [www.psc.partners.org](http://www.psc.partners.org) for downloads.

Assign a value of 0 to “never/*nunca*,” 1 to “sometimes/*algunas veces*” and 2 to “often/*con frecuencia*.” Then add the values for each set of items that produce the three PPSC-17 factors:

#### **Factor 1: Attention Subscale consists of these five items:**

1. Fidgety, unable to sit still [*Nervioso, incapaz de estar quieto*]
2. Acts as if driven by motor [*Es incansable*]
3. Daydreams too much [*Sueña despierto con mucha frecuencia*]
4. Distracted easily [*Se distrae con facilidad*]
7. Has trouble concentrating [*Tiene problemas para concentrarse*]

Children who receive 7 or more points on these five items need a work-up for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. With children 8 years or older administer the Safety Word Inventory and Literacy Screener since inattention can be a symptom of learning disabilities. The Vanderbilt ADHD Scale is a good choice for confirming ADHD. Both the SWILS and the parent-report version of the Vanderbilt are housed in Section 2 of the PEDS:DM Family Book.

#### **Factor 2: Internalizing Subscale** (meaning features consistent with depression and/or anxiety) consists of these five items:

5. Feels sad [*Se siente triste, infeliz*]
6. Feels hopeless [*Se siente sin esperanzas*]
9. Is down on self [*Se critica duramente a sí mismo*]
10. Worries a lot [*Se preocupa mucho*]
11. Seem to have less fun [*Parece divertirse menos que antes*]

Children who receive 5 or more points on these five items need to be referred for counseling and may also need to be considered for anti-depressants, anxiolytics, etc.

#### **PSC Externalizing Factor** (meaning features of conduct, oppositional-defiant or, rage disorders, etc.) consists of these 7 items:

8. Fights with other children [*Pelea con los demás*]
12. Does not listen to rules [*Desobedece las reglas*]
13. Does not understand others feelings [*No entiende los sentimientos de los demás*]
14. Teases others [*Molesta o se burla de otros*]
15. Blames others for his troubles [*Culpa a otros por sus problemas*]
16. Takes things that do not belong to him or her [*Toma cosas que no le pertenecen*]
17. Refuse to share [*Se rehusa a compartir*]

Children who receive 7 or more points on these seven items need behavioral/mental health intervention and counseling with medication management if relevant.