

Post-Institutionalization Signs of Exposure
 Before and Right After the Adoption
 Parent Report of Children ages 3-9

In this section, please help us to understand the condition of your child when you saw him in and took him from the institution or home. When possible give examples or descriptions.

1. Did your child have physical scars when you first adopted him? Yes ___ No ___

Did he have	no	small	deep		Still has them
scars on the buttocks					
scars on the back					
scars on the arms or shoulders					
scars on the legs					
needle marks					
other:					

If yes, Please describe them:

2. Did your child have physical injuries when you first adopted him? Yes ___ No ___

Injury (please list and describe)	1= minor	2 = troublesome	3 = debilitating		Still has them

If yes, please describe them:

3. Did your child act as if he had been hurt physically? Yes ___ No ___

Please describe:

b. Did you child have any of the following signs of having been hurt prior to living with you

My child	No	Some	Very much		How long it lasted:
got upset when approached					
got upset when someone raised a hand or object					
got upset when someone touched him					
acted like it hurt when touched on a certain part of his body					
thought I was going to hurt him					
got upset when people approached who were dressed a certain way (such as people in lab coats or uniforms)					
got upset when he saw specific objects that might be used for punishment such as a spoon, stick, or ruler					
other:					

4. Compared to other children his age, at the time you adopted him,

Did your child	Not True	Somewhat True	Very True		How long it lasted:
use fewer words					
seem not to know how to label his emotions					
describe how he felt as well as others					
seem confused or not understand when you asked about feelings (like "Are you sad, happy, excited, angry, upset?")					
not ask for what he needed					
not ask for things he wanted					
ask for what he needed					
ask for more than most other children did					
act friendly to everyone, even strangers					

• Soon after the adoption, did your child

	Not True	Somewhat True	Very True
have an initial surge in physical growth			
learn English quickly			
learn to express needs and wants			

Instructions: For each of the following questions answer twice. Check the appropriate box for now and then for the period right after the adoption. First think of your child now and check how frequently statements apply to your child. Then think of the way he was in the first few weeks after he came to live with you.

Does/did your child have trouble making choices?

My child has trouble making choices:	NOW			RIGHT AFTER ADOPTION		
	Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently	Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently
about what to eat						
about what to wear						
about what to do when allowed to play						
about how to take care of himself (bath, toilet)						
Other (please describe):						
Other (please describe):						

Does/did your child have trouble making decisions?

My child	NOW			RIGHT AFTER ADOPTION		
	Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently	Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently
seems to be waiting for instructions before beginning things						
watches to see what others are doing before starting something						
when given the opportunity, has trouble making decisions						
becomes overwhelmed by having to make a choice(s) or decision(s)						
does not seem to have likes or dislikes						
Other:						

What are/were your child's eating habits like?

My child:	NOW			RIGHT AFTER ADOPTION		
	Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently	Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently
seems to eat everything in sight						
hordes food						
eats normally for his age						
Other:						

How does /did your child react to stimuli? [Please fill in examples after the colon (:)]

My child becomes anxious, nervous, or afraid when there are	NOW			RIGHT AFTER ADOPTION		
	Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently	Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently
loud noises:						
certain noises:						
animals:						
strangers						
too many choices						
too much going on						
other :						

How does/did your child behave?

My child	NOW			RIGHT AFTER ADOPTION		
	Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently	Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently
behaves as if he is 1 to 2 years younger than his age						
behaves normally for his age						
seems too well behaved.						

(continued)	Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently		Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently
can do things that an older child would normally do (like sweep the floor with a big broom or take care of younger children)							
Other:							

How often does your child express sadness or distress about the time before the adoption? **NOW**



RIGHT AFTER ADOPTION

My child expresses sadness or distress about	Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently		Rarely or Never	Sometimes	Frequently
his homeland							
his natural parents							
others from home							
Other:							

Do you have other observations or comments about your child's early behaviors and subsequent changes?