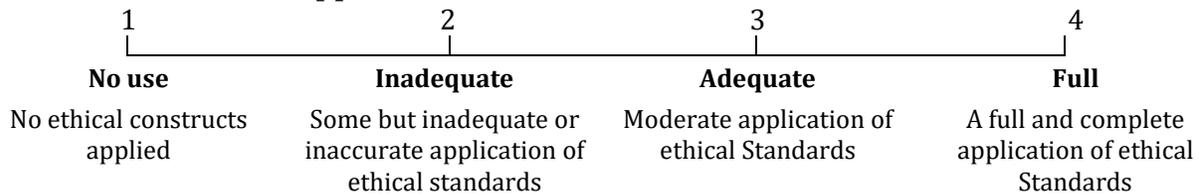Checklist of Applied Knowledge

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Applied Constructs:	Description	Rating
Ethical Standards		
Assessment Constructs		
Family Systems: Constructs		
Attachment Constructs:		
Trauma Constructs:		
Personality Disorder Constructs		
Child Development Constructs		
Cognitive-Behavioral Constructs		
Psychoanalytic Constructs		
Diagnostic Constructs		

Applied Domains of Knowledge

1. Ethical Standards Applied

1	2	3	4
No use	**Inadequate**	**Adequate**	**Full**
No ethical constructs applied	Some but inadequate or inaccurate application of ethical standards	Moderate application of ethical Standards	A full and complete application of ethical Standards

Constructs Used	Yes	No
Principle D Justice…………………………………	☐	☐
Standard 2.04 & 2.01…………………………	☐	☐
Standard 9.01…………………………………	☐	☐
Standard 3.04…………………………………	☐	☐
Duty to protect………………………………..	☐	☐

2. Assessment Constructs Applied

1	2	3	4
No use	**Inadequate**	**Adequate**	**Full**
No assessment constructs applied	Some but inadequate or inaccurate application of assessment constructs	Moderate use of assessment constructs	A full and complete application of assessment constructs
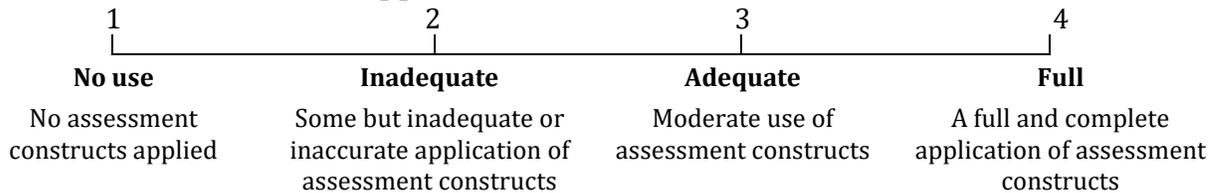
Constructs Used	Yes	No
Inter-rater reliability………………………….	☐	☐
Construct validity……………………………….	☐	☐
Predictive validity……………………………..	☐	☐
Operational definitions for constructs…	☐	☐
Timeliness of findings………………………….	☐	☐

3. Family Systems Constructs Applied

1	2	3	4
No use	**Inadequate**	**Adequate**	**Full**
No family systems constructs used	Some but inadequate or inaccurate application of family systems constructs	Some but not complete application of family systems constructs	A full and complete application of family systems constructs

Constructs Used   Yes   No

Triangulation.. ☐ ☐

Cross-Generational Coalition .... ☐ ☐

Emotional Cutoff...................................... ☐ ☐

Differentiation of Self .... ☐ ☐

Multigenerational Transmission .... ☐ ☐

Inverted Hierarchy .... ☐ ☐

4. Attachment Constructs Applied

1	2	3	4
No use	**Inadequate**	**Adequate**	**Full**
No attachment related constructs used	Some but inadequate or inaccurate use of attachment constructs	Some but not complete use of attachment constructs	A complete use of attachment constructs is

Constructs Used   Yes   No

Description of Attachment .... ☐ ☐

Insecure Attachment Patterns .... ☐ ☐

Emotional Dysregulation .... ☐ ☐

Breach-and-Repair Sequence .... ☐ ☐

Role-Reversal .... ☐ ☐

5. Personality Disorder Constructs Applied

1	2	3	4
No use	**Inadequate**	**Adequate**	**Full**
No personality pathology constructs applied	Some but inadequate or inaccurate application of personality constructs	Some but not complete application of personality constructs	A full and complete application of personality disorder constructs

Constructs Used   Yes   No

Splitting .... ☐ ☐

Absence of Empathy .... ☐ ☐

Emotional Dysregulation .... ☐ ☐

False "Abuse" Allegations .... ☐ ☐

Power, Control, & Domination .... ☐ ☐

6. Trauma Constructs Applied

1	2	3	4
No use	**Inadequate**	**Adequate**	**Full**
No trauma constructs applied	Some but inadequate or inaccurate application of trauma constructs	Some but not complete application of trauma constructs	A full and complete application of trauma constructs

Constructs Used   Yes   No

Constructs Used	Yes	No
Persecutory Delusion	☐	☐
Trauma Reenactment Pattern	☐	☐
PTSD Identified and discussed...............	☐	☐
PTSD Criterion discussed........................	☐	☐
Phobic Anxiety discussed	☐	☐

7. Child Developmental Constructs Applied

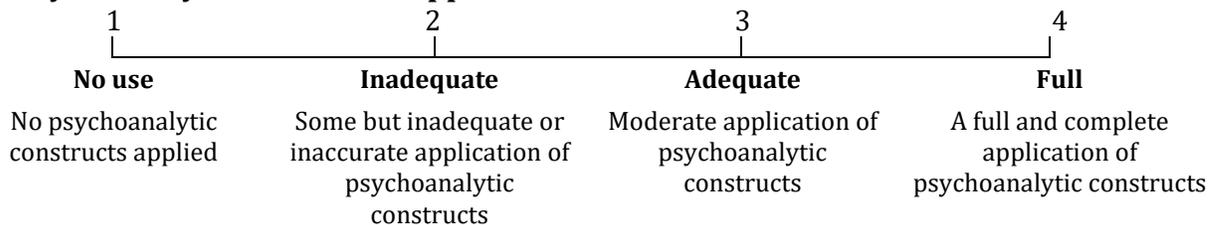| 1	2	3	4
No use	**Inadequate**	**Adequate**	**Full**
No child development constructs applied	Some but inadequate or inaccurate application of child development constructs	Moderate application of child development constructs	A full and complete application of child development constructs

Constructs Used	Yes	No
Intersubjectivity	☐	☐
Co-Construction	☐	☐
Use-Dependent Development	☐	☐
Breach-and-Repair Sequence	☐	☐
Age-Gender Neuro-Maturation	☐	☐

8. Cognitive-Behavioral Constructs Applied

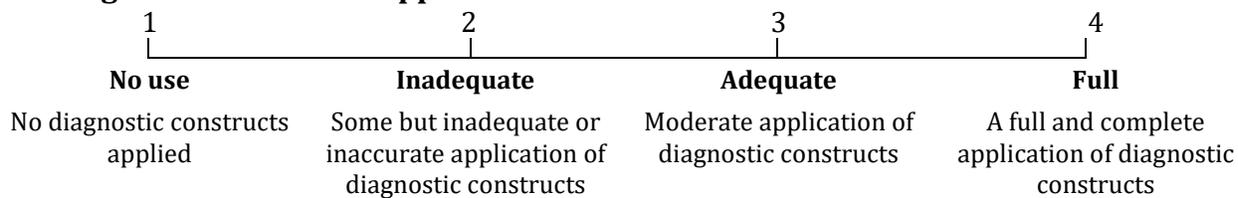| 1	2	3	4
No use	**Inadequate**	**Adequate**	**Full**
No cognitive-behavioral constructs applied	Some but inadequate or inaccurate application of cognitive-behavioral constructs	Moderate application of cognitive-behavioral constructs	A full and complete application of cognitive-behavioral constructs

Constructs Used	Yes	No
Schemas..	☐	☐
Applied Behavioral Analysis...................	☐	☐
Functional Behavioral Analysis...............	☐	☐
Behavior chain interview........................	☐	☐
Outcome measures and data.................	☐	☐

9. Psychoanalytic Constructs Applied

1	2	3	4
No use	**Inadequate**	**Adequate**	**Full**
No psychoanalytic constructs applied	Some but inadequate or inaccurate application of psychoanalytic constructs	Moderate application of psychoanalytic constructs	A full and complete application of psychoanalytic constructs

Constructs Used | Yes | No

Empathic failure …………………………… ☐ ☐

Regulatory self-object………………………… ☐ ☐

Countertransference…………………………… ☐ ☐

Self-structure development………………… ☐ ☐

The transference…………………………………… ☐ ☐

10. Diagnostic Constructs Applied

1	2	3	4
No use	**Inadequate**	**Adequate**	**Full**
No diagnostic constructs applied	Some but inadequate or inaccurate application of diagnostic constructs	Moderate application of diagnostic constructs	A full and complete application of diagnostic constructs

Constructs Used | Yes | No

Thought disorders……………………………… ☐ ☐

Personality disorders………………………… ☐ ☐

Child psychological abuse…………………… ☐ ☐

FDIA and false allegations………………… ☐ ☐

MSE of thought and perception………….. ☐ ☐