



777 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Boulder, CO 80303  
 Office: 303-200-4780 • Fax: 720-647-3011

Kristin B. Powell, Ph.D., ABPP-CN  
 Jill Gitten Aloia, Ph.D., ABPP-CN  
 Zachary W. Sussman, Ph.D.  
 Emily C. Maxwell, Ph.D.

## ADULT BACKGROUND HISTORY FORM

*This questionnaire deals with the following: Prenatal development, medical history, performance in school, & family history. Please provide as much detail as possible. If you have additional information, such as school transcripts, medical records, or previous assessments, please bring these along. All this information will be reviewed with you in detail, but it is helpful to have a complete & accurate record before we meet. Thank you!*

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Individual Completing Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(If not patient)*

*Relationship to patient:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient's Demographic Information:**

Name:	
Sex Assigned at Birth:	
Preferred Pronouns:	
Age:	
Birthdate:	

Please check the relationship status that best suites you:

Not Dating	Casual Dating	Serious/Engaged/Living with a Significant Other	Married	Divorced (indicate number of previous marriages)
------------	---------------	--	---------	---

If your parents are separated or divorced, please specify date and/or your age at that time:

---



---



---

**EVALUATION OBJECTIVES: CURRENT NEEDS**

What are your goals & expectations for this evaluation? What do you want to discover?

1)

2)

3)

What are your strengths?

1)

2)

3)

Please list your current difficulties. Include when you first became concerned and what you think may be the cause of the problem.

1)

2)

3)

**FAMILY HISTORY**

Please list all the people living in your **Current Home**:

Name	Age	Relationship to You

Please list all the people living in your **Childhood Home**:

Name	Age	Relationship to You

Please provide information about your parents and/or primary caregivers.

	Age	Level of Education	Occupation	Please describe any learning or attention difficulties
Parent 1				
Parent 2				
Other Parent/Caregiver				
Other Parent/Caregiver				

Please check for each sibling: Full or half-sibling, or not biologically related.

Sibling Name	Age	Level of Education	Full	Half	Not Bio Related	Please describe any learning or attention difficulties

Please list your children’s names and ages if applicable:

---



---

**MEDICAL HISTORY**

Please list and describe any medical conditions that run in the family (including but not limited to thyroid disease, diabetes, elevated blood pressure, heart problems, and cancer). See the following table for learning and psychological/psychiatric conditions.

---



---



---



---



---



---



---

<b>Does any relative have:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Relationship (Specify blood relation or not)</b>	<b>Description of Issue</b>
Learning Problems (Be specific)				
ADHD				
Tourette’s Syndrome or Tics				
Autism Spectrum Disorder or Asperger’s Syndrome				
Anxiety or Panic				
Obsessions/Compulsions				
Depression				
Bipolar Disorder				
Suicidal or Self-Injurious Behavior				
Schizophrenia				
Impulsive, Risk-Taking Behavior				
History of Victimization or Trauma				
Drug or Alcohol Abuse (Be Specific)				
Psychiatric Hospitalization				
Other emotional difficulties				
Genetic Disorder				
Neurological Condition (e.g., Seizures, Stroke, Brain Tumor)				
Other:				

**OBSTETRICAL HISTORY: PREGNANCY & BIRTH**

If you can, please discuss these questions with an individual who has records of pregnancy.

**Please answer the following:**

Were you adopted? <i>If yes, at what age and from where?</i>	
Was it difficult to become pregnant and/or was medical intervention required? <i>If yes, please specify if possible.</i>	
Did your mother see a doctor for prenatal care? <i>If yes, please indicate month care began.</i>	
How many times was your mother pregnant prior to this pregnancy?	
Did she ever have any miscarriages or abortions? <i>If yes, please specify if possible.</i>	
During the pregnancy, how much weight did the mother gain (or lose)?	
Age of mother at delivery	
Age of father at delivery	

<b>Did any of the following occur?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>If yes, please explain</b>
Amniocentesis			
Bleeding or Spotting			
Placental Abruption			
Kidney Trouble			
High Blood Pressure			
Swelling of Ankles			
Toxemia or Preeclampsia			
Low Salt Diet			
Water Pill (Diuretics)			
Sugar in Urine/Gestational Diabetes			
Rh Factor			
Mother received Rhogam			
Sickle Cell			
Premature Labor			
Maternal Illness (Rashes, Fevers, Infections)			
X-Rays			
Accident			
Hospital Stay			
Cigarettes/Tobacco (frequency & quantity)			
Alcohol (frequency & quantity)			
Other Maternal Drug/Substance Use			
Emotional/Other Stress			

**Please check mark any medications that were used during pregnancy and write any not included under other:**

Birth control pills	Prenatal vitamins	Prenatal calcium/iron	Antibiotics
Medicine to keep baby (prevent labor)	Sleeping pills	Tranquilizers	Reducing Pills
Anticonvulsants (for seizures)	Antidepressants	Steroids (prednisone)	Other:

**Please answer the following:**

How many hours was your mother in labor?	
Apgar Scores (at 1 and 5 minutes)	
Birth weight (pounds, ounces)	
Name of hospital in which you were born	
How many days after delivery did mother and baby leave the hospital?	
Was the pregnancy full-term? <i>If no, please indicate week of pregnancy child was born.</i>	
Did your mother go into labor by herself? <i>If no, was labor induced?</i>	
Was delivery by Caesarian Section? <i>If yes, what was the reason for the C-section?</i>	
Were you born headfirst? <i>If no, what occurred?</i>	

<b>Did any of the following complications occur during delivery?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Forceps or Vacuum extraction used		
Premature rupture of membranes (water broke too early)		
Doctor had to “turn” the baby		
Multiple births (twins, triplets, etc.)		
Hemorrhage		
High Blood Pressure		
Other Complications (Specify):		

<b>Did any of the following complications occur after delivery?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Put in incubator		
Blueness		
Respiratory Issues (difficulty breathing)		
Jaundice (yellow skin)		
Convulsions		
Did not feed well		
Mother had Postpartum Depression		
Other difficulties (specify):		

<b>Did any of the following difficulties occur as a newborn?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Colic, excessive irritability, inconsolable crying		
Did not sleep very much		
Stiff, arched back		
Too floppy		
Sleepy, lethargic – had to be woken to feed		
Feeding problem		
Breathing problem		
Did not like to be held		
Failure to Thrive		
Other difficulties (Specify):		

**DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY**

*As best you/your parent/guardians can recall, record the age at which you reached the following developmental milestones. If you cannot recall the age, check the appropriate box to the right.*

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Early</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>Late</b>
Sat without support				
Crawled				
Stood without support				
Walked without assistance				
Spoke first words (Other than “mama” or “dada”)				
Said phrases (2-3 words)				
Said sentences				
Spoke clearly and fluently				
Potty trained through the day				
Potty trained through the night				
Rode a tricycle				
Rode a bicycle				
Got dressed alone				
Buttoned own clothing				
Tied shoelaces				
Named colors				
Named letters and/or numbers				

**Please answer the following:**

Which hand do you prefer to use?	
Have you ever been more active, restless, or fidgety than others? <i>If yes, when did you first notice this?</i>	
Have you ever been more impulsive, fearless, or prone to risk-taking compared to peers? <i>If yes, when did you first notice this?</i>	
Have you ever been easily distracted and have trouble attending to chores and/or schoolwork? <i>If yes, when did you first notice this?</i>	
Were you ever told you were hyperactive or had ADD/ADHD? <i>If yes, please describe.</i>	

**Currently, how well do you function in the following areas when compared to peers?**

<b>Skill</b>	<b>Much worse</b>	<b>Worse</b>	<b>Similar</b>	<b>Better</b>	<b>Far better</b>
Walking					
Running					
Athletics					
Handwriting					
Language/Communication					
Following directions					

**SENSORY HISTORY**

<b>Have you ever displayed the following behaviors?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Sometimes (If so, when?)</b>
Avoid certain textures (sand, mud, foods, lotions, etc.)			
Strongly dislike having hair washed, combed, or brushed			
Strongly dislike having dirty hands			
Trouble tolerating touching, hugging, or cuddling			
Prefer to wear only certain types of clothes			
Frequently walk on tiptoes			
Overly sensitive to sounds (put hands over ears)			
Become easily distracted by environmental sounds			
Frequently chew on clothes or objects			
Avoid eating certain types of textures or foods			
Overly sensitive to smells			
Bothered by certain sounds (e.g., other people chewing)			

<b>Have you ever had any of the following problems?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Sometimes (If so, when?)</b>
Poor balance			
Poor motor coordination			
Use too much or too little pressure with objects			
Difficulty with puzzles, colors, and shapes			
Blink excessively when trying to catch balls or balloons			

<b>Have you ever exhibited any of the following behaviors?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Sometimes (If so, when?)</b>
Head-banging			
Hair-twirling			
Hair plucking, pulling, or skin-picking			
Hand-flapping			
Twirling			
Twitching or excessive eye blinking			
Throat clearing			
Excessive worrying or fearing			
Worrying about dirt or germs			
Needing to carry out certain rituals			
Feeling you must be perfect			
Liking things to be very neat and clean			
Arguing a lot			
Sad, unhappy, depressed			
Irritable			
Hitting other people			
Frequent temper tantrums			

Any other sensory, motor or movement concerns that have not been listed? If yes, please describe them:

---



---



**SOCIAL HISTORY**

<b>Please answer the following:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>If yes, please describe:</b>
Have you ever had trouble starting or stopping an activity?			
Have you ever had difficulty interpreting or using eye contact, facial expressions, or gestures?			
Have you ever had trouble participating in back-and-forth conversation?			
Do you enjoy socializing with others currently?			
Have you ever had trouble developing and/or maintaining friendships?			
Have you ever had trouble with changes in activities or routines?			
Have you ever harmed an animal or another person?			
Have you ever had a specific interest in fire, especially starting fires?			
How many close friends do you have? (Please specify if different during childhood)			
Have you had any trouble developing romantic or intimate relationships, if you have been interested?			

Any other past social concerns that have not been listed? If yes, please describe them:

---



---

**ACADEMIC/SCHOOL HISTORY**

Highest Degree Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list all the schools you have attended (including high schools, trade/technical schools, and/or any colleges/ universities attended).**

<b>School Name &amp; Location</b>	<b>Grades/Dates Attended</b>	<b>Classroom Type (e.g., special education, regular classroom, gifted)</b>	<b>Supports provided (e.g., classroom aide, speech therapy)</b>

<b>Do you remember ever having any of the following issues?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Difficulty learning to read			
Difficulty reading			
Read slowly			
Problems understanding what you read			
Problems with spelling			
Rely on a spell checker to produce an adequate document			
Difficulty writing book reports and term papers			
Difficulty in forming concepts to write about			
Difficulty in the mechanical aspects of writing			
Difficulty learning a foreign language			
Problems learning mathematics			

<b>Please answer the following:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Have you ever repeated or skipped/been accelerated through a grade? <i>If yes, which grade(s) and what was the reason?</i>			
Have you ever failed a course? <i>If yes, please explain.</i>			
Did you get along with classmates? <i>If no, please explain.</i>			
Have you ever been provided with an Individualized Education Program and/or Section 504 Plan for Accommodation? <i>If yes, please provide categorization, grade when established, and grade when it ended (if applicable).</i>			
Have you ever been told you have a learning disability? <i>If yes, please explain.</i>			
Have you been enrolled in an advanced or gifted curriculum? <i>If yes, please list subjects.</i>			
Did you get along with teachers? <i>If no, please explain.</i>			
What was your best/favorite subject in school?			
What subject was hardest for you in school?			
Do you read a daily newspaper/news online?			
Do you read the Sunday newspaper/news online?			

**PAST PSYCHIATRIC/PSYCHOLOGICAL HISTORY**

<b>Have you ever seen:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Name(s)</b>	<b>Dates</b>
A psychiatrist (MD)?				
A psychologist (PhD or PsyD)?				
A therapist (LPC, MSW, LMFT, etc.)?				
A speech/language therapist?				
An occupational or physical therapist?				
A neurologist (MD)?				

<b>Please answer the following:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Description</b>
Have you previously or currently exhibited low mood for extended periods of time (several days or weeks)? <i>If yes, please describe.</i>			
Have you ever been hospitalized for psychiatric reasons? <i>If yes, please describe the circumstances and give the dates of hospitalization.</i>			
Have you ever had educational, psychological, or neuropsychological testing? <i>If yes, please list the evaluator and the date(s) testing was done.</i>			
Any other testing?			
If prior testing completed, can you provide a copy of the report or allow us to request it?			

Any other past psychiatric/psychological concerns that have not been listed? If yes, please describe them:

---



---

**MEDICAL HISTORY**

**Have you ever had any hospitalizations or operations? If yes, please list below.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Hospital Name, City and State</b>	<b>Reason for Hospitalization</b>

**Have you ever experienced any of the following health concerns?**

<b>Please describe your nighttime habits:</b>	
Does not like to go to bed	
Can't fall asleep	
Wake up in the middle of the night	
Wander around in the middle of the night	
Afraid of the dark	
Nightmares	
Wake up too early in the morning	
Very hard to wake up	
Snore	
Has pauses or interruptions in breathing while sleeping	
Bedwetting	
Fall asleep or get drowsy during the day	
Sleepwalking	
Repetitive dreams	
Limbs jerking wakes you up	

<b>Medical Concern</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Describe</b>
Vision Problems			
Hearing Problems			
Ear Infections			
Allergies or sensitivities			
Headaches (if migraines please specify)			
Stomach Aches			
Strep Throat			
Heart, lung, kidney, or other kidney problems			
Diabetes			
Endocrine (e.g. Thyroid, growth problem, etc.)			
Concussion			
Moderate or Severe brain injury			
Seizure			
Lupus			
Multiple Sclerosis			
Dysautonomia			
Hypermobility syndromes (e.g. Connective Tissue disorders, Ehler's Danlos syndrome)			
Nicotine Use			
Sexual concerns			

<b>Please answer the following questions:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Describe</b>
Do you have a good appetite? <i>If no, please explain.</i>			
Do you require a special diet? <i>If yes, please explain.</i>			
Do you get enough exercise? <i>Please describe the kind and amount.</i>			
How many hours of sleep do you get each weeknight?			
How many hours of sleep do you get each night on weekends/holidays?			
Have you ever been abused or traumatized?			
Have you ever had any serious medical illness? <i>If yes, please explain.</i>			
Have you had any sporting or motor vehicle accidents? <i>If yes, please explain.</i>			

**Please list any medications, supplements, or homeopathic remedies you may be taking.**

<b>Name of Medication</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>When Started</b>	<b>How many times per day</b>

**Please list any recreational substances you are currently using or have used:**

<b>Substance</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>How recently</b>
Alcohol			
Marijuana			
Psychedelics			
Amphetamines (e.g., Cocaine, etc.)			
Opioids			
Other:			

Please check here if you prefer to discuss at intake rather than indicate in writing.

**Please list any medications you have taken in the *past*, except for antibiotics and decongestants:**

<b>Name of Medication</b>	<b>Reason Prescribed</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>When Started</b>	<b>Effect (Positive/Negative)</b>

Any other medical concerns that have not been listed? If yes, please describe them:

---



---

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**Please answer the following questions:**

What is your current occupation? <i>Please specify Part-Time or Full-Time.</i>	
Are you a student? <i>Please specify Part-Time or Full-Time.</i>	
Are you currently unemployed? <i>Please specify how long you have been unemployed and the reason.</i>	
What is your present job title?	
Who is your current employer?	
How long have you worked there?	
How many hours do you work each week?	
What are some difficulties you have had in performing your current or past job?	
What are your past occupations, and what are the dates you worked there?	

**LEGAL HISTORY**

<b>Please answer the following questions.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Please describe</b>
Are you currently involved in any litigation?			
Have you ever been arrested?			

**DRIVING HISTORY**

<b>Please answer the following questions.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Please describe</b>
Do you currently have a driver's license?			
Has your driver's license ever been taken away?			
Have you ever been in an accident when you were driving?			
Do you like to drive fast?			
Do you find it hard to wait at red lights?			
Have you ever been stopped by the police for speeding? <i>If yes, indicate number of times.</i>			
Have you ever been arrested for driving under the influence? (DUI)			

**PROFESSIONALS CURRENTLY PROVIDING CARE**

*Please note: To assure confidentiality, contact will not be made without a completed Authorization to Release/Request Information signed by the patient.*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Care Provided</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Fax Number</b>	<b>E-mail Address</b>

Please provide any other pertinent information that was not adequately addressed in this form (continue onto the back if needed)

---



---



---



---



---