



VCSL

Visual Communication and Sign Language Checklist

Name of student: _____

D.O.B.: _____ Chronological Age: _____ years _____ months

Evaluator: _____ Date of assessment: _____

<i>Birth to 12 Months</i>	Not Yet Emerging	Emerging	Inconsistent Use	Mastered
Looks in direction to which the signer is pointing				
Hand babbling emerges (ex: opens and closes hands, wiggles fingers, wrists twist)				
Waves bye-bye				
Copies physical movements involving the arms, hands, head, and face				
Enjoys finger-plays and finger-games				
Follows the eye gaze of the signer				
Attends to signed motherese (ex: Sign with slow tempo, repetitions, and exaggerated movements)				
Distinguishes facial expressions (ex: anger or friendliness)				
Joint reference (ex: parent and child look at same object)				
Participates in communicative play (ex: peek-a-boo)				
Enjoys holding and cuddling				
Enjoys hand play: Plays with hands and fingers				
Looks attentively at a person's face				
Looks at the visual environment with alertness				
Smiles when sees a familiar person				
Laughs when seeing fingers approaching to tickle				
Turns head in response to attention getting behaviors (ex: hand waving, lights on and off, or foot stomping)				
Smiles, makes eye contact and laughs				
Expresses excitement and displeasure				
Eyes track/following movement with alertness				
Fixates on the face				
<i>1 year to 2 years</i>	Not Yet Emerging	Emerging	Inconsistent Use	Mastered
Recognizes own name sign				
Recognizes names signs of family members (ex: siblings)				
Finger babbles back to conversations or to self				
Points to self and objects in his/her environment				
Uses negative headshake alone or with sign				
Responds to simple commands (ex: COME HERE; EAT DINNER)				