

## DSM-5-TR Criteria and BAARS-IV Comparison Card

Aligns DSM-5-TR diagnostic criteria with BAARS-IV item content across inattention and hyperactivity-impulsivity domains in both adult and childhood presentations.

*This document compares the **DSM-5-TR ADHD symptoms** with the **Barkley Adult ADHD Rating Scale-IV (BAARS-IV)**, which assesses ADHD symptoms in **adults (past 6 months)** and **retrospective childhood symptoms (ages 5-12)**. The BAARS-IV is designed to evaluate ADHD symptoms across **inattention and hyperactivity-impulsivity deficits** using self-report and observer ratings.*

### 1. Comparison of Inattention Symptoms

DSM-5-TR Symptom (a-i)	BAARS-IV (Adult, 1-9, Past 6 Months)	BAARS-IV (Childhood, 1-9, Ages 5-12)
<b>a. Fails to give close attention to details (Fails Details)</b>	1. Often makes careless mistakes in work, forgets important details	1. Often made careless mistakes in schoolwork, did not check work
<b>b. Difficulty sustaining attention (Sustained Attention)</b>	2. Struggles to maintain focus on tasks, easily distracted	2. Had difficulty staying focused on schoolwork or play activities
<b>c. Does not seem to listen (Does Not Listen)</b>	3. Frequently misinterprets spoken instructions	3. Teachers or parents reported child did not seem to listen when spoken to directly
<b>d. Fails to follow through on tasks (Fails to Follow Through)</b>	4. Starts tasks but struggles to complete them, procrastinates	4. Frequently left homework or chores unfinished, did not follow directions fully
<b>e. Difficulty organizing tasks (Disorganized)</b>	5. Trouble planning tasks, organizing schedule	5. Often disorganized, had trouble keeping schoolwork and belongings in order