

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