



Pediatric Occupational Therapy Screening Tool (“Red Flags”) for children 3 and above

Possible Signs of Sensory Integration Dysfunction (At any age)

- Avoids touching or being touching (especially if unexpected), dislikes getting dirty.
- Displays upsets with daily routine tasks such as dressing, bathing, washing hair, cutting nails, etc.
- Picky eater
- Easily Distracted/poor attention
- Inability to unwind or calm self down
- Clumsy or uncoordinated
- Excessive drooling or mouthing nonfood objects
- Walks on toes
- Activity level that is unusually high or low

Possible Signs of Fine Motor/ Visual Motor Delay

- 3 years: copies a vertical, horizontal line and circle
- 3 years: cut a 6” piece of paper
- 4 years: copies a cross, square
- 4 years: Draw a person with head and between 4-6 features
- 4 years: cut a circle
- 3-4 years: Static tripod grasp position
- 5 years: copies “X”, triangle
- 5 years: Draw a person with head and 8+ features
- 5 years: cut a square, triangle

Other Areas Occupational Therapist Address

- 3 years: Removes pull-down pants, assist with socks, buttons large buttons, puts on mittens
- 4 years: Buttons series of 4-5 buttons, dresses self with supervision, puts on shoes
- 5 years: Ties knots and unties knots
- 6 years: Ties bows, snaps