

## Dream Life Skills Assessment Scale (DLSAS)

Please complete this scale while observing, or as soon as possible after observing, the child. You may need to spend some time observing before you decide on your rating. Do not spend too long thinking about each question, just record your impression. For each question, consider age appropriateness (think of actual age, rather than physical appearance).

**Mark the most relevant number in the boxes for each question. The comments box can be used to provide example observations that helped you to decide on your rating, or for other comments.**

Name of child	Gender	Name of assessor				
Actual age	How old does the child look?	Is the child having difficulty working in a language other than his/her native language?				
	Does not yet do	Does with lots of help	Does with some help	Does with a little help	Does independently	
<b>IO. Interacting with others</b> For example, does X interact appropriately with peers, staff, opposite sex? Does X communicate effectively? Does X show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings?		1	2	3	4	5
Comments						
<b>DP. Overcoming difficulties and solving problems</b> For example, does X find a way around obstacles that arise? Does X ask for help appropriately? Does X solve problems successfully?		1	2	3	4	5
Comments						
<b>TI. Taking initiative</b> For example, does X carry out tasks without being told? Does X show age-appropriate leadership?		1	2	3	4	5
Comments						
<b>MC. Managing conflict</b> For example, does X show appropriate assertiveness? Does X resolve disagreements appropriately? Does X accept appropriate discipline? Does X do this without violence or foul language or running away?		1	2	3	4	5
Comments						
<b>UI. Understanding and following instructions</b> Does X understand appropriate instructions when given? Does X comply with instructions? Does X ask for clarification when needed?		1	2	3	4	5
Comments						
<b>OS. FOR THE OVERALL SCORE, ADD ALL ITEMS AND DIVIDE BY 5</b>		1	2	3	4	5
Comments						