

Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)

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Description: The SDQ is a series of questions designed to be completed by parents, youth and/or teachers and interpreted by professionals. The questionnaires are specific to 3 to 17 year olds (3-4 year olds, 4 to 10 year olds, 11-17 year olds). The tool addresses Emotional Symptoms, Conduct Problems, Inattention-Hyperactivity, Peer Problems, and Pro-Social Behavior in one subsection and then an Impact subscale addressing impact of symptoms on the child's family and school environment.

Age Range: 3 to 17 years

Administrator: Parent, Teacher, and/or Youth

Psychometric Properties

Standardization Sample: The standardized sample included 9,878 children ages 4 to 17, included in the 2001 National Health Interview Survey Supplement.

Reliability: Test/Retest Reliability= Parents, Teachers and Self .74-.84

Validity: Convergent Validity with Achenbach CBCL (TRF, YSR): .83 Parent, .87 Teacher
Discriminant Validity (those with and without a mental health diagnosis) AUC (Area Under the Curve/Sensitivity and Specificity) = .74 - .93

Cost: No cost