

Signs and Symptoms of SPD

These checklists (compiled by the STAR Institute) are not diagnostic tools and should not replace the advice and guidance of a trained professional. When completing the checklist please consider the child's behavior over the past 6 months.

Adolescent/Adult

- I am over-sensitive to environmental stimulation: I do not like being touched.
- I avoid visually stimulating environments and/or I am sensitive to sounds.
- I often feel lethargic and slow in starting my day.
- I often begin new tasks simultaneously and leave many of them uncompleted.
- I use an inappropriate amount of force when handling objects.
- I often bump into things or develop bruises that I cannot recall.
- I have difficulty learning new motor tasks, or sequencing steps of a task.
- I need physical activities to help me maintain my focus throughout the day.
- I have difficulty staying focused at work and in meetings.
- I misinterpret questions and requests, requiring more clarification than usual.
- I have difficulty reading, especially aloud.
- My speech lacks fluency, I stumble over words.
- I must read material several times to absorb the content.
- I have trouble forming thoughts and ideas in oral presentations.
- I have trouble thinking up ideas for essays or written tasks at school.