



American Association
on Intellectual and
Developmental Disabilities

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Dear Valued Colleague,

As a valued colleague, I ask that you assist us in recruiting potential interviewers who will be willing to administer the new **Diagnostic Adaptive Behavior Scale (DABS)** soon to be published by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (formerly American Association on Mental Retardation). We are requesting your assistance in this important phase of standardization data collection.

The DABS was designed to facilitate the diagnosis of intellectual disability (formerly mental retardation). The DABS consists of three adaptive behavior domains of conceptual, social, and practical skills. The DABS will be a norm-referenced instrument that assesses the typical adaptive behavior of individuals between the ages of 4 and 21 years.

We need your help in identifying potential interviewers (who hope this includes you) to assess the adaptive behavior of **typically developing individuals from 4 to 21 years old**.

The DABS is administered via a face-to-face interview and requires approximately 60 minutes.

- The **Interviewer** should be a professional (e.g., psychologist, case manager, social worker) who has completed at least a Bachelor's degree and previous adaptive behavior assessment experience.
- The **Respondent** (i.e., person interviewed) should know the individual being assessed very well and have had the opportunity to observe the person on a daily or weekly basis, preferably in a variety of settings, and over an extended period of time. Respondents should be adults and may be selected from family members, friends, teachers, co-workers, employers, direct-support staff, case managers, or other adults who meet the above criteria.
- The DABS should be administered in a face-to-face interview between a professional and a respondent (i.e., a person who knows the assessed individual well).
- The interview should be conducted in English without translation or adaptation of the content or items.

The involvement of experienced interviewers is essential to the successful standardization of the DABS. To show a small token of our appreciation for your involvement, you will be paid \$10.00 per completed and usable DABS protocol. We will also recognize all contributors by including their names in the User's Manual that accompanies the DABS when it is published.

Your participation in this project will be an important contribution to the field. So, please consider participating or contacting others who may be potential interviewers by contacting Marc J. Tassé at marc.tasse@osumc.edu. We truly appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Doreen Croser".

M. Doreen Croser, Executive Director

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