

**Figure 6.1**

**Early Visual Development Guide**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**Visual Alerting**

- ☐ Keeps eyes open when awake
- ☐ Tolerates visual stimulation
- ☐ Alerts to light
  - ☐ Briefly alerts to light at near in a dark room
  - ☐ Briefly alerts to light at near in low light room
  - ☐ Alerts to light at near in a room with normal light
  - ☐ Alerts to a shiny or illuminated target at near
- ☐ Alerts to movement at near and midrange
- ☐ Shows preference for specific colors (Note the colors) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Alerts to visually motivating targets at near
- ☐ Alerts to visually motivating targets at midrange and beyond

**Visual Engagement**

- ☐ Holds brief fixation on stationary, favorite, lighted objects at near
- ☐ Holds brief eye contact or regards face of familiar person
- ☐ Fixates on an increasing number of visually motivating targets at near and midrange
- ☐ Locates visually motivating targets that are at near and at eye level
- ☐ Adjusts fixation when desired target is slightly moved from view
- ☐ Shifts gaze between two visually motivating targets at near or midrange
- ☐ Spontaneously fixates on many visually motivating targets at near or midrange
- ☐ Fixates with less visual delay on visually motivating targets at near and midrange
- ☐ Gazes toward and maintains attention on targets at midrange and at far
- ☐ Fixates to indicate intention or a desired target
- ☐ Looks toward a named target or person at near or midrange
- ☐ Looks toward dropped visually motivating targets

- ☐ Fixates on a desired visually motivating target out of many at near
- ☐ Fixates on named photo or picture of a known object or familiar person

### **Visual Integration**

- ☐ Moves position to improve fixation or view of target
- ☐ Maintains fixation while reaching toward a visually motivating target
- ☐ Visually locates and moves to desired or named target at midrange or far
- ☐ Imitates or responds to gestures, signs, or smiles viewed from increasing distances
- ☐ Uses visual interest during therapy sessions

Approximate distances:

**Near:** up to 12 inches; **Mid:** 12 inches to 3 feet; **Far:** approximately 3 to 6 feet.