

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT NEEDS AND STRENGTHS (CANS) ASSESSMENT

BIRTH - 4 YEARS

Please ☒ appropriate use: ☐ Initial CANS ☐ Annual ☐ Discharge

Date: _____

Child's name	SSN	DOB	Sex	Race/ethnicity
			☐ M ☐ F	

Assessor (print name): _____ **OASIS/DJJ/DOE #:** _____

Current placement: ☐ Foster home ☐ Family/relation home

Planned permanent caregiver: _____ **Relation:** _____

CHILD LIFE DOMAIN FUNCTIONING

0 = No evidence of problems	2 = Moderate			
1 = History, mild	3 = Severe			
	0	1	2	3
Family	☐	☐	☐	☐
Living situation	☐	☐	☐	☐
Preschool/daycare (1)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sleep	☐	☐	☐	☐
Social functioning	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recreation/play	☐	☐	☐	☐
Developmental (2)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Acculturation	☐	☐	☐	☐
Medical	☐	☐	☐	☐
Physical	☐	☐	☐	☐
Self-care/daily living	☐	☐	☐	☐
Relationship permanence	☐	☐	☐	☐

CHILD BEHAVIORAL/EMOTIONAL NEEDS

0 = No evidence				
1 = History or sub-threshold, watch/prevent				
2 = Causing problems, consistent with diagnosable disorder				
3 = Causing severe/dangerous problems				
	0	1	2	3
Attachment	☐	☐	☐	☐
Regulatory (3)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Failure to thrive	☐	☐	☐	☐
Depression	☐	☐	☐	☐
Anxiety	☐	☐	☐	☐
Atypical behaviors	☐	☐	☐	☐
Impulsive/hyperactive	☐	☐	☐	☐
Oppositional	☐	☐	☐	☐
Social behavior	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adjustment to trauma (4)	☐	☐	☐	☐

CHILD STRENGTHS

0 = Centerpiece		2 = Identified		
1 = Useful		3 = Not yet identified		
	0	1	2	3
Family	☐	☐	☐	☐
Supportive relationships	☐	☐	☐	☐
Interpersonal	☐	☐	☐	☐
Adaptability	☐	☐	☐	☐
Persistence	☐	☐	☐	☐
Curiosity	☐	☐	☐	☐

CHILD RISK FACTORS

0 = No evidence	2 = Recent, act			
1 = History, watch/prevent	3 = Acute, act immediately			
	0	1	2	3
Birth weight	☐	☐	☐	☐
Pica	☐	☐	☐	☐
Prenatal care	☐	☐	☐	☐
Labor and delivery	☐	☐	☐	☐
Substance exposure	☐	☐	☐	☐
Parent or sibling problems	☐	☐	☐	☐
Maternal availability	☐	☐	☐	☐
Self-harm	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sexually reactive behavior	☐	☐	☐	☐
Abuse/neglect	☐	☐	☐	☐

PLANNED PERMANENCY CAREGIVER NEEDS AND STRENGTHS

Not applicable - No caregiver identified				
0 = No evidence		2 = Moderate needs		
1 = Minimal needs		3 = Severe needs		
	0	1	2	3
Supervision	☐	☐	☐	☐
Involvement with care	☐	☐	☐	☐
Knowledge	☐	☐	☐	☐
Empathy	☐	☐	☐	☐
Organization	☐	☐	☐	☐
Social resources	☐	☐	☐	☐
Residential stability	☐	☐	☐	☐
Physical health	☐	☐	☐	☐
Mental health	☐	☐	☐	☐
Substance use	☐	☐	☐	☐
Developmental	☐	☐	☐	☐
Accessibility to care	☐	☐	☐	☐
Family stress	☐	☐	☐	☐
Self-care/daily living	☐	☐	☐	☐
Employment	☐	☐	☐	☐
Education	☐	☐	☐	☐
Legal	☐	☐	☐	☐
Financial resources	☐	☐	☐	☐
Transportation	☐	☐	☐	☐
Safety	☐	☐	☐	☐

MODULES

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modulescoreing**

- 1 go to School Module
- 2 go to Developmental Module
- 3 go to Regulatory Module
- 4 go to Trauma Module

Foster Home Placement go to Current Caregiver Module

Modules:

(1) PRESCHOOL/DAY CARE				
	0	1	2	3
Behavior	☐	☐	☐	☐
Achievement	☐	☐	☐	☐
Attendance	☐	☐	☐	☐

(2) DEVELOPMENTAL				
	0	1	2	3
Cognitive	☐	☐	☐	☐
Communication	☐	☐	☐	☐
Motor	☐	☐	☐	☐
Social-emotional	☐	☐	☐	☐

(3) REGULATORY FUNCTIONING				
	0	1	2	3
Eating	☐	☐	☐	☐
Elimination	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sensory reactivity	☐	☐	☐	☐
Emotional control	☐	☐	☐	☐

(4) TRAUMA				
	0	1	2	3
Sexual abuse*	☐	☐	☐	☐
Physical abuse	☐	☐	☐	☐
Emotional abuse	☐	☐	☐	☐
Medical trauma	☐	☐	☐	☐
Natural disaster	☐	☐	☐	☐
Witness/domestic violence	☐	☐	☐	☐
Witness/community violence	☐	☐	☐	☐
Witness/victim of crime	☐	☐	☐	☐
*If sexual abuse > 0, complete the following:				
Emotional closeness	☐	☐	☐	☐
Frequency	☐	☐	☐	☐
Duration	☐	☐	☐	☐
Physical force	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reaction to disclosure	☐	☐	☐	☐

CURRENT CAREGIVER				
0 = No evidence		2 = Moderate needs		
1 = Minimal needs		3 = Severe needs		
	0	1	2	3
Supervision	☐	☐	☐	☐
Involvement with care	☐	☐	☐	☐
Knowledge	☐	☐	☐	☐
Organization	☐	☐	☐	☐
Social resources	☐	☐	☐	☐
Physical health	☐	☐	☐	☐
Family stress	☐	☐	☐	☐