TOOL [NEW]

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT STRENGTH AND NEEDS (CANS)
CAREGIVER AND FAMILY MODULE
SCORE DEFINITIONS

SUPERVISION Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days
0 Caregiver has good monitoring and discipline skills.
1 Caregiver provides generally adequate supervision. May need occasional help or technical assistance.
2 Caregiver reports difficulties monitoring and/or disciplining child. Caregiver needs assistance to improve supervision skills.
3 Caregiver is unable to monitor or discipline the child. Caregiver requires immediate and continuing assistance. Child is at risk of harm to self due to absence of supervision.

INvolvement with CARE Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days
0 Caregiver is able to act as an effective advocate for child.
1 Caregiver has history of seeking help for child. Caregiver is open to receiving support, education, and information.
2 Caregiver does not wish to participate in services and/or interventions intended to assist child.
3 Caregiver wishes for child to be removed from their care.

KNOWLEDGE Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days
0 Caregiver is knowledgeable about the child’s needs and strengths.
1 Caregiver is generally knowledgeable about the child but may require additional information to improve their capacity to parent.
2 Caregiver has clear need for information to improve how knowledgeable they are about the child. Current lack of information is interfering with their ability to parent.
3 Caregiver has knowledge problems that place the child at risk of significant negative outcomes.

ORGANIZATION Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days
0 Caregiver is well organized and efficient.
1 Caregiver has minimal difficulties with organizing and maintaining household to support needed services. For example, may be forgetful about appointments or occasionally fails to return case/care manager calls.
2 Caregiver has moderate difficulty organizing and maintaining household to support needed services.
3 Caregiver is unable to organize household to support needed services.
SOCIAL RESOURCES *Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days*
0 Caregiver has significant family and friend social network that actively helps with raising the child (e.g., child rearing).
1 Caregiver has some family or friend social network that actively help with raising the child (e.g. child rearing).
2 Caregiver has some family or friend social network that may be able to help with raising the child (e.g., child rearing).
3 Caregiver has no family or social network that may be able to help with raising the child (e.g. child rearing).

RESIDENTIAL STABILITY *Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days*
0 Caregiver has stable housing for the foreseeable future.
1 Caregiver has relatively stable housing but either has moved in the past three months or there are indications of housing problems that might force them to move in the next three months.
2 Caregiver has moved multiple times in the past year. Housing is unstable.
3 Caregiver has experienced periods of homelessness in the past six months.

PHYSICAL *Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days*
0 Caregiver is generally healthy.
1 Caregiver is in recovery from medical/physical problems.
2 Caregiver has medical/physical problems that interfere with their capacity to parent.
3 Caregiver has medical/physical problems that make it impossible for them to parent at this time.

MENTAL HEALTH *Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days*
0 Caregiver has no mental health needs.
1 Caregiver is in recovery from mental health difficulties.
2 Caregiver has some mental health difficulties that interfere with their capacity to parent.
3 Caregiver has mental health difficulties that make it impossible for them to parent at this time.

SUBSTANCE USE *Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days*
0 Caregiver has no substance use needs.
1 Caregiver is in recovery from substance use difficulties.
2 Caregiver has some substance use difficulties that interfere with their capacity to parent.
3 Caregiver has substance use difficulties that make it impossible for them to parent at this time.

DEVELOPMENTAL *Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days*
0 Caregiver has no developmental needs.
1 Caregiver has developmental challenges but they do not currently interfere with parenting.
2 Caregiver has developmental challenges that interfere with their capacity to parent.
3 Caregiver has severe developmental challenges that make it impossible for them to parent at this time.

FAMILY STRESS *Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days*
0 Caregiver able to manage the stress of child/children’s needs.
1 Caregiver has some problems managing the stress of child/children’s needs.
2 Caregiver has notable problems managing the stress of child/children’s needs. This stress interferes with their capacity to give care.
3 Caregiver is unable to manage the stress associated with child/children’s needs. This stress prevents caregiver from parenting.

**SAFETY** Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days

0 Household is safe and secure. Child is at no risk from others.
1 Household is safe but concerns exist about the safety of the child in his/her neighborhood.
2 Child is in some danger from one or more individuals who have access to the household.
3 Child is in immediate danger from one or more individuals with unsupervised access.

**FAMILY/CARETAKER MODULE**

**SELF-CARE/DAILY LIVING SKILLS**
This rating describes the caregiver’s ability to provide for the basic needs (e.g., shelter, food, safety, clothing) of their youth.

0 The caregiver has the daily living skills needed to care for their youth
1 The caregiver needs verbal prompting to complete the daily living skills required to care for their youth.
2 The caregiver needs assistance (physical prompting) to complete the daily living skills required to care for their youth.
3 The caregiver is unable to complete the daily living skills required to care for their youth. Caregiver needs immediate intervention.

**CULTURE STRESS** Culture stress refers to experiences and feelings of discomfort and/or distress arising from friction (real or perceived) between an individual’s own cultural identity and the predominant culture in which he/she lives.

0 No evidence of stress between caregiver’s cultural identity and current living situation.
1 Some mild or occasional stress resulting from friction between the caregiver’s cultural identity and his/her current living situation.
2 Caregiver is experiencing cultural stress that is causing problems of functioning in at least one life domain. Caregiver needs to learn how to manage culture stress.
3 Caregiver is experiencing a high level of cultural stress that is making functioning in any life domain difficult under the present circumstances. Caregiver needs immediate plan to reduce culture stress.

**EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONING**
This rates the performance of the caregiver in school or work settings. This performance can include issues of behavior, attendance or achievement/productivity.

0 Caregiver is gainfully employed and/or in school.
1 A mild degree of problems with school or work functioning. Caregiver may have some problems in work environment. Caregiver needs to be monitored and assessed further.
2 A moderate degree of school or work problems and/or difficulties with learning. Caregiver may have history of frequent job loss or may be recently unemployed. Caregiver needs an intervention to address employment and/or learning difficulties.
3 A severe degree of school or work problems. Caregiver is chronically unemployed and not attending any education program. Caregiver needs immediate intervention.

**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**
This rates the degree to which the individual has completed his/her planned education.
0 Caregiver has achieved all educational goals or has none but educational attainment has no impact on lifetime vocational functioning.
1 Caregiver has set educational goals and is currently making progress towards achieving them.
2 Caregiver has set educational goals but is currently not making progress towards achieving them.
3 Caregiver has no educational goals and lack of educational attainment is interfering with individual’s lifetime vocational functioning. Caregiver needs educational/vocational intervention.

**LEGAL** Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days
0 Caregiver has no known legal difficulties.
1 Caregiver has a history of legal problems but currently is not involved with the legal system.
2 Caregiver has some legal problems and is currently involved in the legal system.
3 Caregiver has serious current or pending legal difficulties that place him/her at risk for incarceration. Caregiver needs an immediate comprehensive and community-based intervention.

**MOTIVATION FOR CARE**
This rating captures the desire of the caregiver to support their youth in care. The person need not have an understanding of their illness; however they participate in recommended or prescribed care (e.g., taking prescribed medications and cooperating with care providers).
0 The caregiver is engaged in his/her youth’s care and supports his/her youth in participating in care.
1 The caregiver is willing for his/her youth to participate in care, however the caregiver may need prompts at times. Caregiver needs to be monitored and assessed further.
2 The caregiver is often unwilling to support his/her youth’s care and is often uncooperative with service providers. Caregiver/youth needs to be engaged in care.
3 The caregiver refuses to allow his/her youth to participate in care including taking prescribed medications or cooperating with recommended care. Service coordinator needs to meet with referral source and team to revisit goals.

**FINANCIAL RESOURCES** Please rate the highest level from the past 30 days
0 Caregiver has sufficient financial resources to raise the youth (e.g., youth rearing).
1 Caregiver has some financial resources that actively help with raising the youth (e.g. youth rearing).
2 Caregiver has limited financial resources that may be able to help with raising the youth (e.g., youth rearing).
3 Caregiver has no financial resources to help with raising the youth (e.g. youth rearing). Caregiver needs financial resources

**TRANSPORTATION** This rating reflects the caregiver’s ability to provide appropriate transportation for his/her youth.
0 Youth and his/her caregiver have no transportation needs. Caregiver is able to get his/her youth to appointments, school, activities, etc. consistently.
1 Youth and his/her caregiver have occasional transportation needs (e.g. appointments). Caregiver has difficulty getting his/her youth to appointments, school, activities, etc. no more than weekly.
2 Youth and his/her caregiver have frequent transportation needs. Caregiver has difficulty getting his/her youth to appointments, school, activities, etc. regularly (e.g., once a week). Caregiver needs assistance transporting youth and access to transportation resources.
3 Youth and his/her caregiver have no access to appropriate transportation and is unable to get his/her youth to appointments, school, activities, etc. Caregiver needs immediate intervention and development of transportation resources.