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INTRODUCTION

CANS and PSC Measure Selection

Upon recommendation from the Expert Task Force, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) contracted with the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), to recommend evidence-based tool(s) to measure children and youth functional outcomes in California. UCLA took a three-part approach to narrowing down the options for a functional assessment tool:

Part I. UCLA developed a list of candidate tools by conducting an environmental scan of the tools used to measure functional status by other states or nations and surveyed California county Mental Health Providers (MHPs) and a sample of their contracted providers on tools that are currently used. UCLA then conducted an in-depth literature review on a subset of the tools identified in the environmental scan and survey to assess their psychometric properties and use as an outcome measure.

Part II. UCLA assembled a modified Delphi Panel, which is a well-established approach that combines review of scientific evidence with expert clinical judgment, to evaluate the tools identified in the first part. The modified Delphi panel rated the tools on effectiveness of care, scientific acceptability, usability, and feasibility.

Part III. Using several criteria, UCLA made a recommendation to DHCS for a statewide outcomes measurement tool to monitor the effectiveness of publicly funded specialty mental health services, which was the Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-35; parent/caregiver version). DHCS is adopting UCLA's recommendation to use the parent/caregiver version of PSC-35. In addition, DHCS determined it would also be beneficial to adopt a tool representing the clinician's perspective of child/youth functioning formed through a collaborative assessment process including the youth, caregivers, and other individuals identified by the youth and family. Therefore, using the information gleaned from the UCLA study, along with stakeholder and county MHP input, DHCS selected the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS-50).

Source: https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/FMORB/Info Notice 17-052 POS Functional Assessment Tool.pdf

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Description of Measures

Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS-50)

The CANS is a structured assessment (or output of a family interview) that the clinician completes. It is used to identify youth and family strengths and needs using a shared language among providers and service systems. It can inform treatment planning, support placement decisions, and potentially monitor outcomes. The CANS-50 is comprised of six domains selected by the State of California Performance Outcomes System. San Diego County added four domains to meet the needs of its population. Clinicians use the CANS for youth ages 6 through 21 in San Diego County.

Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths - Early Childhood (SD CANS-EC)

Since the California Department of Health Care Services did not provide guidance on a measure for clients ages 0-5 receiving mental health services, the EC-CANS was selected. It is the early childhood module of the California Integrated Practice Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths used by the California Department of Social Services. In San Diego, both the mental health and Child Welfare systems will be using the EC-CANS for youth ages 0-5. The SD CANS-EC is comprised of eight domains.

Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC and PSC-Y)

The PSC was developed as a psychosocial screening tool for emotional and behavioral problems. All 35 items have 3-point Likert scale response options. It has been used to evaluate changes in emotional/behavioral problems before and after mental health services. There is a caregiver version for youth ages 3 through 18 and a youth self-report version for ages 11 to 18. The PSC is comprised of three subscales: Attention Problems, Internalizing Problems, and Externalizing Problems; one total PSC score is also calculated.

Personal Experience Screening Questionnaire (PESQ)

The PESQ is completed by youth ages 12 through 18 who are receiving services from a Substance Use Counselor at a San Diego County Mental Health Clinic. The PESQ is used to screen adolescents for substance use problems and track outcomes after receiving counseling for substance use. 21 items utilize a 4-point scale and are aggregated to produce an overall problem severity scale. Additional items evaluate type and frequency of substance use over the past 12 months.

CALIFORNIA CHILD AND ADOLESCENT NEEDS AND STRENGTHS (CANS-50) AND THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT NEEDS AND STRENGTHS – EARLY CHILDHOOD (SD CANS-EC)

Aim: The CANS is a structured assessment completed by the clinician at intake, every utilization management/utilization review (UM/UR) but no longer than every six months, and discharge as a result of a client assessment. It was designed to:

- Identify youth and family's actionable needs and useful strengths.
- Provide a framework for developing and communicating about a shared vision.
- Inform planning, support decisions, and monitor outcomes.

Conceptual Foundation: The CANS is based on communimetrics, which has the following six key components (https://praedfoundation.org/tools/the-child-and-adolescent-needs-and-strengths-cans/):

- 1. Items are selected based on relevance to planning.
- 2. Action levels for all items.
- 3. Consider culture and development before establishing the action level.
- 4. Agnostic as to etiology—descriptive, no cause and effect.
- 5. About the child, not about the service. Rate needs when masked by interventions.
- 6. Specific ratings window (e.g. 30 days) can be over-ridden based on action levels.

Strengths	Limitations
 CANS can be customized to the needs of systems by adding specialized modules or combining with existing forms (intake forms, etc.) Potential to create greater parent and family engagement during intake process Evaluates child strengths 	 Length of time needed to administer the tool Overlaps with existing intake assessment, unless integrated into the intake assessment Limited psychometrics Not designed to detect quick changes in youth

CALIFORNIA CHILD AND ADOLESCENT NEEDS AND STRENGTHS (San Diego Version)

CANS Instrument Information

Domains	 CA CANS-50: Core Modules Child Behavioral/ Emotional Needs Strengths Caregiver Resources & Needs Life Functioning Cultural Factors Risk Behaviors 	 San Diego Specific Follow-Up Modules Trauma Substance Use Sexuality Juvenile Justice 				
Age-Range	6-21 years					
Number of Items	93 (50 core items and 43 follow-up items that are only completed if trigger items are endorsed)					
Reliability and Validity	Interrater reliability: • Between clinicians in a public BHS: .78. ¹ • Between caseworkers/clinicians and research • Between researchers: 0.85. ² Convergent Validity: • CANS correlated with CAFAS = .63 (reported in Sensitivity to Change: Studies show change overtic differences on the CANS. ^{3, 5}					
Translations	Spanish					

CANS Practical Considerations

Training Required	In-person or online training for certification (approximately six hours). Recertification must be done annually.
	Detailed training information is provided through RHIS:
	https://theacademy.sdsu.edu/programs/rihs/cyf-outcomes/
Who completes	Clinical staff who are certified
Time to complete	Initial CANS takes longer to complete and is the product of the intake assessment.
	Subsequent CANS take less time since clinicians only update items that have changed.
Database & Scoring	CYF mHOMS. Training forms can be accessed here: https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/psychiatry/research/CASRC/resources/SOCE/Pages/CYFmHOMS-DES.aspx
Cost	Training-related costs for certification: Approximately \$10/user annually.

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⁵ Sieracki, J. H., Leon, S. C., Miller, S. A., & Lyons, J. S. (2008). Individual and provider effects on mental health outcomes in child welfare: A three level growth curve approach. *Children and Youth Services Review*, *30*(7), 800-808.

CALIFORNIA CH	IILD AND ADOLESCENT NEEDS AND STRENGTH	S-50 (Complete for clients ages 6 to 21) San Diego CANS			
Client Name:		Client ID Number:			
	OBiological Parent _[1] OFoster Parent _[2]	Client DOB:			
Caregiver Type: OAdoptive Parent _[3] OOther _[5]		Clinician/Staff ID:			
200 100000	OOther Family Member (non-foster status) _[4]	SubUnit:			
Date of Assessme	ent:	Current Primary Dx (ICD code):			
Assessment Type	: $OInitial_{[1]}$ $OReassessment_{[2]}$ $ODischarge_{[4]}$	Current Secondary Dx (ICD code):			
СНІГ	BEHAVIORAL/EMOTIONAL NEEDS	STRENGTHS			
0=no evidence	1=history or suspicion	0=centerpiece strength 1=u seful strength			

CHILD BEHAVIORAL,	/EMOTIONAL NE	EDS		
0=no evidence 2=interferes with functioning; action needed	1=history or suspicion 3=disabling, dangerous; immediate or intensive action needed			
	0	1	2	3
1. Psychosis (Thought Disorder)	0	0	0	0
2. Impulsivity/Hyperactivity	0	0	0	0
3. Depression	0	0	0	0
4. Anxiety	0	0	0	0
5. Oppositional	0	0	0	0
6. Conduct	0	0	0	0
7. Anger Control	0	0	0	0
8. Adjustment to Trauma 1	0	0	0	0
9. Substance Use 2	0	0	0	0
Documentation to support ratings of a '2' or '3' is located in the Clinical Formulation and the following section/s of the BHA (select all that apply):				
Pres	enting Problems			- 4
Psychiatric History 🗆				
Substance	Use Information		1	
History of Self-Injury/S	Suicide/Violence		- 1	
Other, please specify (e.g., Discl	narge Summary)			
		_		

	STRENGTHS			
0=centerpiece strength	1=u seful strength			
2=identified strength	3=no evidence			
	0	1.	2	3
20. Family Strengths	0	0	0	0
21. Interpersonal	0	0	0	0
22. Educational Setting	0	0	0	0
23. Talents/Interests	. 0	0	0	0
24. Spiritual/Religious	0	0	0	0
25. Cultural Identity	0	0	0	0
26. Community Life	0	0	0	0
27. Natural Supports	0	0	0	0
28. Resiliency	0	0	0	0
Documentation to support rati Formulation and the following				
	Family History			
	Social Concerns			
	Education			
	Cultural Information			
Other, please specify (e.g., [Discharge Summary)			

CAREGIVER RES	SOURCES A	ND NEED	S		
OYouth has no known caregiver. S	Skip Caregive	r Resources	s and Ne	eds Do	main.
0=no evidence	1=hi story	or suspici	on	1	
2=interferes with functioning; action needed		ng, danger action nee		mediat	e or
		0	1	2	3
10. Supervision		0	0	0	0
11. Involvement with Care		0	0	0	0
12. Knowledge		0	0	0	0
13. Social Resources	The same of the sa	0	0	0	0
14. Residential Stability		// 0	0	0	0
15. Medical/Physical		0	0	0	0
16. Mental Health		0	0	0	0
17. Substance Use		0	0	0	0
18. Developmental		0	0	0	0
19. Safety		0	0	0	0
Documentation to support ratin Formulation and the following s					
	Family	History			
Current	Domestic \	/iolence			
Other, please specify (e.g., Di	ischar <i>g</i> e Su	mmary)			

LIFEF	UNCHONING			
0=no evidence	1=history or susp	oicion		
2=interfereswith functioning;		3=disabling, dangerous; immediate o		
action needed	intensive action i	needed		
	0	1	2	3
29. Family Functioning	0	0	0	0
30. Living Situation	0	0	0	0
31. Social Functioning	0	0	0	0
32. Developmental/Intellectua	al O	0	0	0
33. Decision-Making	0	0	0	0
34. School Behavior	0	0	0	0
35. School Achievement	0	0	0	0
36. School Attendance	0	0	0	0
37. Medical/Physical	0	0	0	0
38. Sexual Development₃	0	0	0	0
39. Sleep	0	0	0	0
Documentation to support rating				
Formulation and the following se	ection/s of the BHA (select al	I that a	pplγ):
	Family History			
	Social Concerns			
Developr	mental Milestones			
E	arly Interventions			
	Medical Tab			
Pre	esenting Problems			
	Gender Identity			
	Education			
Other, please specify (e.g., Dis	scharge Summary)			







CULTURALF	ACTORS			
0=no evidence 1=history or suspicion				
2=interferes with functioning; action 3= needed int	disabling, dan tensive action		mmedi	ate or
	0	1	2	3
40. Language	0	0	0	0
41. Traditions and Rituals	0	0	0	0
42. Cultural Stress	0	0	0	0
Documentation to support ratings of a '2' or '3' is located in the Clinical Formulation and the following section/s of the BHA (select all that apply)				
Cultural	Information			
Protec	ctive Factors			
Other, please specify (e.g., Discharg	ge Summary)			

RISKBE	HAVIORS	;			
0=no evidence	1=history	or suspi	cion		
2=interferes with functioning;	3=disablir	_	ACCOUNT OF THE PARTY OF	mmedia	ate or
action needed	intensive action needed				
		0	1	2	3
43. Suicide Risk		0	0	0	0
44. Non-Suicidal Self-Injurious Be	ehavior	0	0	0	0
45. Other Self-Harm (Recklessne	ss)	0	0	0	0
46. Danger to Others		0	0	0	0
47. Sexual Aggression		0	0	0	0
48. Delinquent Behavior 4		0	0	0	0
49. Runaway		0	0	0	0
50. Intentional Misbehavior		0	0	0	0
Documentation to support ratings of					
Formulation and the following secti	ion/s of the	e BHA (s	elect al	l that a	pply):
High R	isk Assess	ment			
	Ta	rasoff			
Histo	ry of Self-	Injury			
Other, please specify (e.g., Disch	arge Sum	mary)			

FOLLOW-UP ASSESSMENT MODULES (Complete if trigger items are rated a '2' or '3')

1. TRAUMA MODULE (Follow-up to Item 8)				
No=no evidence of Trauma	Yes=Evidence of	Traum	na	
			No	Yes
Sexual Abuse			0	0
Physical Abuse			0	0
Neglect			0	0
Emotional Abuse			0	0
Medical Trauma	4		0	0
Natural or Manmade Disaster		7	0	0
Witness to Family Violence		-	0	0
Witness to Community/School Vio	lence		0	0
Victim/Witness to Criminal Activity			0	0
War/Terrorism Affected			0	0
Disruptions in Caregiving/Attachm	ent Losses		O	0
Parental Criminal Behavior			0	0
Sexual Abuse and	Traumatic Stres	ss		
0=no evidence	1=history or sus	picion		
2=interferes with functioning:	3=disabling, dan			diate
action needed	or intensive action		ded	-
If the youth has bee				
ICI	0	0	2	3
Emotional Closeness to Perpetrato	, 0	0	0	0
Frequency of Abuse	0	0	0	0
Duration	0	0	0	0
Force	0	0	0	0
Reaction to Disclosure				$\stackrel{\smile}{-}$
Traumatic Stre				
Frantismal/Dhysical Dyses sylation	0	0	2	3
Emotional/Physical Dysregulation	0	0	0	0
Intrusions/Re-Experiencing	0	0	0	0
Hyperarousal	0	0	0	0
Traumatic Grief/Separation	0	0	0	0
Numbing	0	0	0	0
Dissociation	0	0	0	0
Avoidance	0	0	0	V

2. SUBSTANCE USE MOD	2. SUBSTANCE USE MODULE (Follow-up to Item 9)					
0=no evidence	1=history or suspic	1=history or suspicion				
2=interferes with functioning; 3=disabling, dangerous; immediate or intensive action needed		e				
	0	1	2	3		
Severity of Use	0	0	0	0		
Duration of Use	0	0	0	0		
Stage of Recovery	0	0	0	0		
Peer Influences O O O		0				
ParentalInfluences	0	0	0	0		
EnvironmentalInfluences	es 0 0 0 0					
3. SEXUALITY MODULE (Follow-up to Item 38)						

0=no evidence 2=interferes with functioning; action needed	1=history or suspicion 3=disabling, dangerous; immediate or intensive action needed			
	0	1	2	3
Hypersexuality	0	0	0	0
Masturbation	0	0	0	0
Reactive Sexual Behavior	0	0	0	0
Knowledge of Sex	0	0	0	0
Choice of Relationships	0	0	0	0
Sexual Exploitation	0	0	0	0

0=no evidence	1=history or suspicion			
2=interferes with functioning; action needed	3=disabling, dangerous; immediate or intensive action needed			
	0	1	2	3
History	0	0	0	0
Seriousness	0	0	0	0
Planning	0	0	0	0
Community Safety	0	0	0	0
Peer Influences	0	0	0	0
Parental Criminal Behavior	0	0	0	0
Environmental Influences	0 0 0 0			

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT NEEDS AND STRENGTHS - EARLY CHILDHOOD (SD CANS-EC)

Instrument Information

Domains	 Potentially Traumatic/Adverse Childhood Experiences Challenges Functioning Streng Dyadi 	ral Factors gths c Considerations iver Resources & Needs	
Age-Range	0-5 years		
Number of Items	58		
Reliability and Validity	The researchers are unaware of any studies that have examined the reliability and validity of the CANS – Early Childhood (0-5 CANS). There were studies that combined kids ages 0-5 with older kids and reported reliability for those combined measures and samples.		
Translations	TBD		

SD CANS-EC Practical Considerations

Training Required	In-person or online training for certification (approximately six hours). Recertification must be done annually.	
	Detailed training information is provided through RHIS:	
	https://theacademy.sdsu.edu/programs/rihs/cyf-outcomes/	
Who completes	Clinical staff who are certified	
Time to complete	Initial CANS takes longer to complete and is the product of the intake assessment.	
	Subsequent CANS take less time since clinicians only update items that have changed.	
Database & Scoring	CYF mHOMS. Training forms can be accessed here: https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/psychiatry/research/CASRC/resources/SOCE/Pages/CYFmHOMS-DES.aspx	
Cost	Training-related costs for certification: Approximately \$10/user annually.	

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT NEEDS AND STRENGTHS – EARLY CHILDHO		OOD (Complete for clients ages 0 to 5)	San Diego CANS-EC	
Client Name:			Client ID Number:	
	OBiological Parent _[1]	OFoster Parent _[2]	Client DOB:	
Caregiver Type:	OAdoptive Parent _[3]	$OOther_{[5]}$	Clinician/Staff ID:	
	OOther Family Member	r (non-foster status)[4]	SubUnit:	
Date of Assessme	nt:		Current Primary Dx (ICD code):	
Assessment Type:	: Olnitial[1] OReassessn	nent _[2] ODischarge _[4]	Current Secondary Dx (ICD code):	

POTENTIALLY TRAUMATIC/ADVERSE CHILDHOOD E	XPERS.	
NO = no evidence		_
YES = interferes with functioning; action needed		
	NO[0]	YES[1]
1. Sexual Abuse		
2. Physical Abuse		
3. Emotional Abuse		
4. Neglect		
5. Medical Trauma		
6. Witness to Family Violence		
7. Witness to Community/School Violence		
8. Natural or Manmade Disaster		
9. War/Terrorism Affected		
10. Victim/Witness to Criminal Activity		
11. Disruption in Caregiving/Attachment Losses		
12. Parental Criminal Behaviors		
Documentation to support endorsement of "Yes"	is locate	ed in
the Clinical Formulation and the following section	/s of the	BHA
(select all that apply):		
Presenting Problems/Needs 🗆 🛌		
Past Psychiatric History 🗆		
Family History □		
Pregnancy/Birth History 🔲		
Medical Tab		
Other, please specify		
(e.g., Discharge Summary)		







	CHALLENGES
	0 = no evidence 1 = history or suspicion; monitor
	2 = interferes with functioning; 3 = disabling, dangerous; immediate or action needed intensive action needed
	0 1 2 3 N/A _[6]
	13. Impulsivity/Hyperactivity
	14. Depression
	15. Anxiety
	16. Oppositional
	17. Attachment Difficulties
	18. Adjustment to Trauma
	19. Regulatory
	20. Atypical Behaviors
	21. Sleep (12 months to 5 years)
۱	- N/A if child under 12 months
	Documentation to support ratings of a '2' or '3' is located in the
ì	Clinical Formulation and the following section/s of the BHA
7	(select all that apply):
	Presenting Problems/Needs
h	Past Psychiatric History
4	History of Self-Injury/Suicide/
	Violence
	Medical Tab
ŀ	Mental Status Exam Tab category
	Other, please specify
	(e.g., Discharge Summary)
	(c.g., Discharge Summary)
	FUNCTIONING
	0 = no evidence 1 = history or suspicion; monitor

2 = interferes with functioning; action needed	3 = disa inte	abling, ensive a	_			diate c	or
				0	1	2	3
22. Family Functioning							
23. Early Education							
24. Social and Emotional Fund	ctioning	g					
25. Developmental/Intellectu	al						
26. Medical/Physical							
Documentation to support ra	tings o	f a '2'	or '3	3' is l	ocate	d in t	the
Clinical Formulation and the f	followir	ng sec	tion,	/s of	the E	BHA	
(select all that apply):							
Family H	listory						
Medic	al Tab						
Developmental Miles	tones						
History of Early Interve	ntions						
Other, please s	pecify						
(e.g., Discharge Sum							

RISK BEHAVIORS & FACTORS	DYADIC CONSIDERATIONS
0 = no evidence 1 = history or suspicion; monitor	0 = no evidence 1 = history or suspicion; monitor
2 = interferes with functioning; 3 = disabling, dangerous; immediate or	2 = interferes with functioning; 3 = disabling, dangerous; immediate or
action needed intensive action needed	action needed intensive action needed
0 1 2 3 N/A _[6]	0 1 2 3
27. Self-Harm (12 months to 5 years)	44. Caregiver Emot. Responsiveness
- N/A if child under 12 months	45. Caregiver Adj. to Traumatic Exper.
28. Exploited	Documentation to support ratings of a '2' or '3' is located in the
29. Prenatal Care	Clinical Formulation and the following section/s of the BHA
30. Exposure	(select all that apply):
	Presenting Problem
32. Birth Weight	Family History 🔲
55.1 dilidire to Tillive	Other, please specify
Documentation to support ratings of a '2' or '3' is located in the	(e.g., Discharge Summary)
Clinical Formulation and the following section/s of the BHA	
(select all that apply):	CAREGIVER RESOURCES AND NEEDS
Presenting Problem	☐ Child has no known caregiver. Skip Caregiver Resources and
Past Psychiatric History	Needs Domain.
Pregnancy/Childbirth History	A. Caregiver Name:
Medical Tab	Relationship:
History of Self-Injury/Suicide/ Violence 🗆	0 = no evidence; this could be a strength
Other, please specify	1 = history or suspicion; monitor; may be an opportunity to build
(e.g., Discharge Summary)	2 = interferes with functioning; action needed
	3 = disabling, dangerous; immediate or intensive action needed
CULTURAL FACTORS	0 1 2 3
0 = no evidence 1 = history or suspicion; monitor	46. Supervision
2 = interferes with functioning; 3 = disabling, dangerous; immediate or action needed intensive action needed	47. Involvement with Care
0 1 2 3	48. Knowledge
34. Language	49. Social Resources
35. Traditions and Rituals	50. Residential Stability
36. Cultural Stress	51. Medical/Physical
Documentation to support ratings of a '2' or '3' is located in the	52. Mental Health
Clinical Formulation and the following section/s of the BHA	53. Substance Use
(select all that apply):	54. Developmental
Family History	55. Safety
Medical Tab	56. Family Rel. to the System
Protective Factors	57. Legal Involvement
Other, please specify	58. Organization
(e.g., Discharge Summary)	Documentation to support ratings of a '2' or '3' is located in the
(e.g., Discharge Suffilially)	Clinical Formulation and the following section/s of the BHA
STRENGTHS	(select all that apply):
0 = Centerpiece strength 1 = Useful strength	Presenting Problem
2 = Identified strength 3 = No evidence	Family History
0 1 2 3	History of Early Interventions
37. Family Strengths	Other, please specify
38. Interpersonal	(e.g., Discharge Summary)
39. Natural Supports	
40. Resiliency (Persist. & Adaptability)	
41. Relationships Permanence	
42. Playfulness	
43. Family Spiritual/Religious	
Documentation to support ratings of a '0' or '1' is located in the	
Clinical Formulation and the following section/s of the BHA	
(select all that apply):	
Family History 🔲	
Protective Factors	
Other, please specify	
(e.g., Discharge Summary)	

PEDIATRIC SYMPTOM CHECKLIST (PSC)

Aim: The PSC is a caregiver reported assessment completed at intake, every UM/UR but no longer than every six months, and discharge. It was designed to:

- Identify difficulties in psychosocial functioning.
- Evaluate changes in emotional and behavioral problems in children over time.

Conceptual Foundation: The PSC is a psychosocial screening tool developed to identify cognitive, emotional, and behavioral problems so that appropriate interventions can be implemented as early as possible. A positive screen suggests the need for further evaluation – it is not by itself a diagnostic tool. Cutoffs were empirically derived by comparing the results of the PSC to other validated measures and clinician's overall assessments of a child's functioning.

Strengths	Limitations
Strong psychometrics for youth ages 6-18	Originally developed as a screening tool
Brief measure	The primary studies examining PSC as an
 Free Has specific cutoffs for subscale scores to identify kids at risk for attention, anxiety/depression, and/or conduct problems 	 outcome tool came from the same outpatient psychiatry clinic with a middle-class population Limited research on using the PSC-35 for youth ages 3-5

Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC)

PSC Instrument Information

Domains	35 items measuring symptoms:
	Attention Internal linion
	InternalizingExternalizing
Age-Range	3-18 years ¹
Number of Items	35 items. Each item is rated as: "Never" (scored 0), "Sometimes" (scored 1), and "Often" (scored 2)
Recommended Cut-Off	Cutoff score of 28 for youth ages 6-18 ²⁻⁶
Scores	Cutoff score of 24 for youth ages 3-5 (omit school-related items 5, 6, 17, 18)
	Cutoff score of 7 for Attention subscale ¹
	Cutoff score of 5 for Internalizing subscale ¹
	Cutoff score of 7 for Externalizing subscale ¹
Sensitivity to Change	Yes - four studies in outpatient psychiatry clinics found small but significant changes from intake to three months into treatment on the PSC. ⁷⁻¹⁰
Other Psychometrics	Concurrent validity: Range from r = 0.54 to 0.71 (adequate) ⁵
	Convergent validity: High agreement of between Parent PSC scores and guidance counselor ratings: 83% 11
	Interrater reliability: 0.85 (substantial agreement) 12
	Internal consistency: Cronbach alpha: 0.86 (acceptable) 12
	Test-retest reliability: one-week retest = Pearson r: 0.86 ¹² (good)
Reliable Change and	For the total score:
Significant Change	A reduction of six or more points is considered reliable change. Changes this large that also involve a change from risk to non-risk are considered clinically significant change. 13
	For the subscales:
	Changes of two or more points are considered to indicate reliable change. ^{7, 8}
Translations	Spanish, Tagalog, Arabic, Vietnamese, Farsi

PSC Practical Considerations

Training Required	None
Who completes	Caregiver
Time to complete	5 minutes
Database & Scoring	CYF mHOMS. Training forms can be accessed here: https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/psychiatry/research/CASRC/resources/SOCE/Pages/CYFmHOMS-DES.aspx
Cost	Free

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Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC) - Parent Version: 10/18 Page 1 (Administered to caregivers of clients ages 3 to 18 only) CCBH CLIENT ID NUMBER DATE OF ASSESSMENT ASSESSMENT TYPE ☐ Initial [1] ☐ Reassessment [2] CLINICIAN / STAFF ID UNIT SUBUNIT ☐ Discharge [4] Instructions: Select your relationship to child and provide your date of birth (month/day). O Biological Parent [1] Date of Birth - Month O Foster Parent [2] Person filling out form O Adoptive Parent [3] Other Family Member (non-foster status) [4] Date of Birth - Day O Staff (ONLY for clients in Residential programs) [5] O Other [6] Emotional and physical health go together in children. Because parents are often the first to notice a problem with their child's behavior, emotions or learning, you may help your child get the best care possible by answering these questions. Please indicate which statement best describes your child. Correct Incorrect Please mark under the heading that best describes your child: Never Sometimes Often, 1. Complains of aches and pains 0 0 0 0 0 0 2. Spends more time alone 0 0 0 3. Tires easily, has little energy 0 0 0 4. Fidgety, unable to sit still *5. Has trouble with a teacher (Ages 6+ ONLY) 0 0 0 0 0 0 *6. Less interested in school (Ages 6+ ONLY) 0 0 0 7. Acts as if driven by a motor 0 0 0 8. Daydreams too much 0 0 0 9. Distracted easily 0 0 0 10. Is afraid of new situations 0 0 0 11. Feels sad, unhappy 0 0 0 12. Is irritable, angry 0 0 0 13. Feels hopeless 0 0 0 14. Has trouble concentrating 0 0 0 15. Less interested in friends 16. Fights with other children 0 0 0 0 0 0 *17. Absent from school (Ages 6+ ONLY) 0 0 0 *18. School grades dropping (Ages 6+ ONLY)

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20. Visits doctor with doctor finding nothing wrong

19. Is down on him or herself

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Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC) - Parent (Administered to caregivers of clients ages 3 to 18 only) ¹

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	Nev	er Sometime	es Often 2
21. Has trouble sleeping	C	0	0
22. Worries a lot	C	0	0
23. Wants to be with you more than before	C	0	0
24. Feels he or she is bad	C	0	0
25. Takes unnecessary risks	C	0	0
26. Gets hurt frequently	C	0	0
27. Seems to be having less fun	C	0	0
28. Acts younger than children his or her age	C	0	0
29. Does not listen to rules	C	0	0
30. Does not show feelings	C	0	0
31. Does not understand other people's feelings	C	9	0
32. Teases others	C	0	0
33. Blames others for his or her troubles	C	0	0
34. Takes things that do not belong to him or her		0	0
35. Refuses to share	0	0	0

CCBH CLIENT ID NUMBER	CLIENT DATE OF BIRTH	
CLIENT'S LAST NAME	CLIENT'S FIRST NAME	MI

PEDIATRIC SYMPTOM CHECKLIST - Youth Report (PSC-Y)

Aim: The PSC-Y is a youth-reported assessment completed at intake, every UM/UR but no longer than every six months, and discharge. It was designed to:

- Identify type and severity of psychosocial problems.
- Evaluate changes in emotional and behavioral problems in children over time.

Conceptual Foundation: The PSC-Y is a psychosocial screening tool developed to identify cognitive, emotional, and behavioral problems so that appropriate interventions can be implemented as early as possible. A positive screen suggests the need for further evaluation – it is not by itself a diagnostic tool. Cutoffs were empirically derived by comparing the results of the PSC-Y to other validated measures and clinician's overall assessments of a child's functioning.

Strengths	Limitations
 Brief measure Free Has specific cutoffs for subscale scores to identify kids at risk for attention, anxiety/depression, and/or conduct problems 	 Originally developed as a screening tool No set standard for measuring improvement on the tool Not aware of any articles examining the use of the PSC-Y as an outcome
Adequate psychometrics	

Pediatric Symptom Checklist - Youth Report (PSC-Y)

PSC-Y Instrument Information

Domains	35 items measuring symptoms in 3 domains:
	Attention
	• Internalizing
	Externalizing
Age-Range	Adolescents ages 11-18 ¹
Number of Items	35 items. Each item is rated as: "Never" (scored 0), "Sometimes" (scored 1), and "Often" (scored 2)
Recommended Cut-Off	A cut-off score of 30 provides highest average sensitivity and specificity. ²
Scores	Cutoff score of 7 for Attention subscale ¹
	Cutoff score of 5 for Internalizing subscale ¹
	Cutoff score of 7 for Externalizing subscale ¹
Sensitivity to Change	No articles examining the use of the PSC-Y as an outcome.
Other Psychometrics	Reliability: Test-retest: Kappa = .50: (Acceptable) ²
	Concurrent validity:
	Classification agreement between PSC-Y and PSC was 79%. ²
	• Classification agreement between other established measures of depression and anxiety ranged from 83-84%. ²
	Discriminant Validity:
	Children with PSC-Y positive scores were significantly more likely to be identified by their teachers as having attentional and/or behavioral problems. ²
Translations	Spanish, Tagalog, Arabic, Vietnamese, Farsi

PSC-Y Practical Considerations

Training Required	None
Who completes	Youth
Time to complete	5 minutes
Database & Scoring	CYF mHOMS. Training forms can be accessed here: https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/psychiatry/research/CASRC/resources/SOCE/Pages/CYFmHOMS-DES.aspx
Cost	Free

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Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC) - Youth (Administered to clients ages 11 to 18 only)

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CCBH CLIENT ID NUMBER DATE OF ASSESSM	IENT .	ASSESSMENT TYP	E
] /	Reassessment [2]	
		☐ Discharge [4]	
CLIENT'S LAST NAME CLIENT'S	S FIRST NAME		MI
CLIENT DATE OF BIRTH CLINICIAN / STAFF	ID UNI	T SUE	BUNIT
Please mark under the heading that best fits you.	Count	Incorrect 🗣	J 69
	Correct Never	Sometimes	Often
Complain of aches or pains	O	O	Onten ₂
2. Spend more time alone	0	0	0
Tire easily, little energy	0	0	0
4. Fidgety, unable to sit still	0	0	0
5. Have trouble with teacher	0	0	0
6. Less interested in school	0	0	0
7. Act as if driven by motor	0	0	0
8. Daydream too much	0	0	0
9. Distract easily	0	0	0
10. Are afraid of new situations	0	0	0
11. Feel sad, unhappy	0	0	0
12. Are irritable, angry	0	0	0
13. Feel hopeless	0	0	0
14. Have trouble concentrating	0	0	0
15. Less interested in friends	0	0	0
16. Fight with other children	0	0	0
17. Absent from school	0	0	0
18. School grades dropping	0	0	0
19. Down on yourself	0	0	0
20 Visit doctor with doctor finding nothing wrong	0	0	0

Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC) - Youth (Administered to clients ages 11 to 18 only) ¹

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CCBH CLIENT ID NUMBER			
	Never ₀	Sometimes 1	Often 2
21. Have trouble sleeping	0	0	0
22. Worry a lot	0	0	0
23. Want to be with parent more than before	0	0	0
24. Feel that you are bad	0	0	0
25. Take unnecessary risks	0	0	0
26. Get hurt frequently	0	0	0
27. Seem to be having less fun	0	0	0
28. Act younger than children your age	0	0	0
29. Do not listen to rules	0	0	0
30. Do not show feelings	0	0	0
31. Do not understand other people's feelings	0	0	0
32. Tease others	0	0	0
33. Blame others for your troubles	0	0	0
34. Take things that do not belong to you	0	0	0
35. Refuse to share	0	0	0

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE (PESQ)

Aim: The PESQ is a youth self-report assessment completed at intake and discharge. It is administered by substance use counselors treating youth at mental health programs (and a sub-episode of their mental health treatment). It was designed to:

- Identify the need for a comprehensive drug use evaluation.
- Provide a measure of substance use severity.
- Measure substance use over time.
- Evaluate the frequency of drug use, as well as the age of onset of drug use.

Conceptual Foundation: The PESQ is a psychosocial screening tool to identify and quantify substance abuse problems so that appropriate interventions can be implemented as early as possible. Items were identified through literature reviews and cutoff scores were empirically derived by the developers through factor analyses.

Strengths	Limitations	
 Strong psychometrics for youth ages 12-18 Brief measure Relatively simple to administer 	Originally developed as a screening tool and does not have established rates of "reliable" or "clinical" change	

Personal Experience Screening Questionnaire (PESQ)

PESQ Instrument Information

Domains	Scales: 1		
	 Problem Severity: Measure of how psychologically/behaviorally involved with drugs a youth is Infrequency: Measures unlikely drug use behavior (e.g., "faking bad") Defensiveness: Measures social desirability ("faking good") 		
	Other content areas: 1		
	Psychosocial IndicatorsDrug Use History		
Age-Range	12-18 years ²		
Number of Items	41		
Recommended Cut-Off	Infrequency Total: Cutoff score of 4		
Scores	Defensiveness Total: Cutoff score of 9		
	Severity Total: Cutoff score of 30 for Males 12-15 years		
	35 for Males 16-18 years		
	30 for Females 12-15 years		
	34 for Females 16-18 years		
Psychometrics	• Construct validity: range from r = 0.55094 ²		
	• Criterion validity: overall correct classification rate of 87%. Sensitivity = 0.88 and specificity = 0.84 ^{2,3}		
	• Internal consistency: coefficient alpha: 0.90 – 0.91 (high) ²		
Translations	Spanish		

PESQ Practical Considerations

Training Required	None
Who completes	Youth
Time to complete	10 minutes
Database & Scoring	CYF mHOMS. Training forms can be accessed here: https://medschool.ucsd.edu/som/psychiatry/research/CASRC/resources/SOCE/Pages/CYFmHOMS-DES.aspx
Cost	\$56.00 per kit (25 administrations)

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PERSONAL EXPERIENCE SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE (PESQ)

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Name or ID number	er:		F - 2
Date:	Age:	Gender: 🗌 M	ale 🗌 Female
Ethnicity/Race:			
American In	dian/Alaska Native	Asian Black/Africa	an American
Hispanic/La	tino Native Hawaiia	n/Pacific Islander	White Other

DIRECTIONS

This booklet asks about you and your experiences, including those with alcohol and other drugs. Some questions ask how often certain things have happened. Others ask if you agree with a statement. Please read each question carefully. Circle the * for the answer that is right for you. Circle only one response option for each question. Please answer every question.

PART I		Once or		
How often have you used alcohol or other drugs	Never	twice	Sometimes	Often
1. at home?	*	*	*	*
2. at places on the street where adults hang around?	*	*	*	*
3. with older friends?	*	*	*	*
4. at the homes of friends or relatives?	*	*	*	*
5. at school activities, such as dances or football games?	*	*	*	*
6. at work?	*	*	*	*
7. when skipping school?	*	*	*	*
8. to enjoy music or colors, or feel more creative?	*	*	*	*
9. while driving a racing boat?	*	*	*	*
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How often have you		1 (14)		
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10. made excuses to your parents about your alcohol or drug use?	*	*	*	*
11. gotten drugs from a dealer?	N 10 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	*	*	34
12. used alcohol or drugs secretly, so nobody would know you were using?	*	*	*	*
13. made excuses to teachers about your alcohol or drug use?	*	4	4	*
14. been upset about other people talking about your using or drinking?	7	2	*	*
15. lost your sense of taste for several days after using drugs?	•	-	*	
When using alcohol or other drugs, how often have you				
	1 190 0 0 0		20 4 4	
16. spilled things, bumped into things, fallen down, or had				
trouble walking around?	*	* *	*	*
17. seen, felt, or heard things that were not really there?	*	*	*	*
18. spent money on things you wouldn't normally buy?	*	*	*	*
19. found out things you said or did while using or drinking that				
you did not remember?	*	*	*	*
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In order to get or pay for alcohol or other drugs,	Ť			
how often have you				
20. sold drugs?	*	*	*	*
21. bought drugs from a security guard?	*	*	*	*

PLEASE TURN THE FORM OVER AND COMPLETE PARTS II AND III.

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PART II	Yes	N
Please indicate whether the following statements are true about you:		
22. I am always nice, even to people who are not nice.	*	*
23. I worry a lot about little things or for no reason.	*	*
24. There have been times when I took advantage of someone.	*	*
5. I am bothered by unusual thoughts.	*	*
6. There have been times when I was mad at an adult even though I knew they were right.	*	*
7. I feel sad, blue, or depressed much of the time.	*	*
8. I often suffer from headaches or a nervous stomach.	*	*
9. I am always willing to admit it when I make a mistake.	*	×
). I think about killing myself.	*	*
t. There have been times when I felt like swearing or smashing things	*	×
2. There is something wrong with the way my mind works.	*	×
3. Someone in my family hits me when they are angry.	*	>
4. I am afraid of someone because they have been sexual with me.	*	×

PART III During the past 12 months, how many times Never 1-2 times times				
During the past 12 months, how many times times times	6–9	10-19	20-39	40+
During the public months, now many trace	times	times	times	times
35. have you had alcoholic beverages (including beer, wine, and liquor) to drink? * *	*	*	*	*
36. have you used marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil)? * *	*	*	*	*
37. have you used drugs other than alcohol or marijuana? * * *	*	*	*	*
38. If you have used other drugs, circle the * following each drug that you have used at least once during the past 12 n	nonths:			
• psychedelics (such as LSD, mescaline, peyote, psolicybin, PCP, mushrooms, shrooms)	*			
• cocaine (coke, crack, rock)	*			

cocaine (coke, crack, rock)
amphetamines (such as ice, crystal meth, meth, crank, uppers, speed, bennies; not diet pills)
club drugs (such as MDMD, Ecstasy, GHB, roofies or Rohypnol, ketamine or Special K)
sedatives or barbiturates (such as downs, goofballs, yellows, blues, Valium, Xanax, Celexa, Prozac; not prescribed by a doctor)
heroin (smack, horse, skag)
other narcotics (such as methadone, opium, morphine, codeine, Demerol, Vicodin, OxyContin, Percocet)
inhalants (such as glue, aerosol from cans, gases, correction fluid)

40. When did you first use regularly?

• steroids, androstenedione, or creatine			*		
	Never	Grade 6 or before	Grade 7–8	Grade 9–10	Grade 11 or after
39. When did you first get high or drunk?	*	*	*	*	*