

# Comparison of Assessment Tools for REACH Initiative

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# Overview of the Child and Adolescent Level of Care/Service Intensity Utilization System (CALOCUS-CASII)

- ▶ **Scoring tool** used to rate the level of intensity of services needed by a child with behavioral health conditions.
- ▶ Providers give scores across six dimensions.
- ▶ The sum of the scores corresponds to one of six different service intensity levels

# Six Dimensions

1. Risk of Harm
2. Functional Status
3. Co-Occurrence of Conditions: Developmental, Medical, Substance Use, Psychiatric
4. Recovery Environment
5. Resiliency and/or Response to Services
6. Involvement in Services

# Level of Service Intensity Utilization Criteria

- ▶ Level 0: Basic Services
- ▶ Level 1: Recovery Maintenance and Health Management
- ▶ Level 2: Outpatient Services
- ▶ Level 3 Intensive Outpatient Services
- ▶ Level 4: Intensive Integrated Services without 24-Hour Psychiatric Monitoring
- ▶ Level : Non-secure 24-Hour Services with Psychiatric Monitoring
- ▶ Level 6: Secure 24-Hour Services with Psychiatric Management

# Excerpt from CASII:

## 4. SERIOUS FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT

- a. Serious deterioration of interpersonal interactions with consistently conflictual or otherwise disrupted relations with others, which may include impulsive or abusive behaviors.
- b. Significant withdrawal and avoidance of almost all social interaction.
- c. Consistent failure to achieve self-care/hygiene at levels appropriate to age and/or developmental level.
- d. Serious physical disturbances such as weight change, disrupted sleep or fatigue, and feeding or elimination, which threaten health and functioning.
- e. Inability to perform adequately even in a specialized school setting due to disruptive or aggressive behavior. School attendance may be sporadic. The child or adolescent has multiple academic failures.
- f. Other:

*Note: A rating of serious functional impairment requires care at level 5 (non-secure, 24-hour services with psychiatric monitoring), independent of other dimensions. The only exception to this is if the sum of IVA & IVB = 2, indicating both a minimally stressful and a highly supportive recovering environment.*

# Training and Qualifications

## ▶ Training

- ▶ A 6- hour optional training is available through American Academy of Adolescent Psychiatry.
- ▶ Training can be completed in-person or online.
- ▶ Additional trainings support the corresponding tools for other ages.

## ▶ Qualifications

- ▶ Does not appear to require advanced credentials such as a Masters.



# Implementation Considerations

- ▶ Designed for children aged 6 – 18, with a corresponding instrument for ages 0 – 5 and over 18.
- ▶ Requires states to customize for state context.
- ▶ Developer does not have a system that states use to enter data.
- ▶ Takes about 30 minutes to complete.
- ▶ Requires a 6-hour training.

## Montana



Providers conduct the assessment to determine eligibility for several programs including Home Support Services, Comprehensive School and Community Treatment.



Providers use results to create a treatment plan and conduct a reassessment every 90 days.



Providers update treatment plans based on changes.



	CANS	CAFAS	CALOCUS-CASII
Focus of measures	Level of need, level of strength	Level of impairment	Level of service intensity
Age range	6 – 20	3 – 19 (if two versions are used)	All ages (if multiple versions are used)
Training and qualifications	Requires annual training and certification	Requires review of a self training manual	Training is available but does not appear to be required
Time required	~ One hour	~ 10 minutes	~ 30 minutes
Prepackaged data software	No	Yes	No
Cost	Free assessment, cost for training	Cost per assessment, free training, annual software fee	Free assessment, cost for optional training and print manuals
Adaptation and customization	Requires selecting from a bank of options and customizing for state needs	Can be used “off the shelf”	Requires customization

# Discussion: What else do we need to explore before the committee can propose a recommendation?

- ▶ Comparison of topics they cover
- ▶ Cost info
- ▶ Feedback from other states (social validity, connection to treatment planning, outcomes info, etc.)

# Public Comment