



# Iowa REACH Assessment Tool Subcommittee

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Health and  
Human Services

# Agenda

- ▶ Review timeline for assessment implementation
- ▶ Discuss tools and insights from Michigan
- ▶ Public comment

# Timeline

Year	Implementation plan steps/milestones
2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subcommittee delivers a memo with key consideration recommendations in August 2025</li><li>• HHS department decides on the assessment tool</li><li>• Subcommittees provide input on implementation approach</li></ul>
2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HHS prepares for implementation</li></ul>
2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HHS implements new screening tool with early adopter providers</li><li>• HHS fully implements the new screening tools and processes prior to roll-out of services</li></ul>

# Discussion of Tools

# Insight

## **The Assessment Should Consider:**

- A holistic view of a child's needs and strengths (i.e. medical, educational, social, and behavioral)
- Involvement with other child serving systems and programs
- Differences in male and female behaviors
- Culture
- Intellectual disability

Tool	Can include assessment of physical health	Customizable
CANS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes</li></ul>
CAFAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No</li></ul>
CALOCUS- CASII	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yes</li></ul>

# Insight

**The assessment should be strength-based:**

Tool	Focus of tool
CANS	Assesses needs and strengths
CAFAS	Assesses degree of impairment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Assessor identifies youth's strengths and goals</li></ul>
CALOCUS - CASII	Assesses level of intensity of services needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Assesses recovery environment</li><li>○ Assesses resiliency or response to services</li></ul>

# Insight

**Assessment should be useful for care planning.**

Tool	Output
CANS	Identifies areas where action is needed.
CAFAS	Provides a level of dysfunction score associated with an intensity of treatment.
CALOCUS- CASII	Provides a sum of scores that correspond with service intensity levels including 24-hour monitoring.

# Insight

**The assessment should incorporate family and child voice, choice, and preferences.**

Tool	Approach to info gathering
CANS	Assessor completes the assessment in collaboration with child/youth, caregivers, and others in the child's life.
CAFAS	Assessor selects which behavior-based statements apply and identifies strengths and goals. Assessors determine how to collect info for the assessment.
CALOCUS- CASII	Clinicians or mental health providers can complete the assessment as a part of routine clinical assessment, or a wraparound service planning team can complete the assessment with family and youth input.



# Insight

**The assessment should provide useful data.**

Tool	Proprietary data management system
CANS	No
CAFAS	Yes
CALOCUS- CASII	No

# Public Comment