

## Why TOP, Why Now?

Child behavior and placement disruptions are two things that can negatively impact permanency outcomes for kids in care. The goal of TOP is to better understand these behaviors, their effects on permanency, and the needs of kids in care.

Child Welfare Administrators recognize that in order to do better by children they serve, they must first understand their experiences and then connect them to the most appropriate services, interventions and supports

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## ABOUT KIDS INSIGHT

Kids Insight is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving outcomes for kids in child welfare and juvenile justice.

Kids Insight uses a scientifically validated, multi-dimensional well-being and functional assessment tool called the Treatment Outcome Package (TOP). Through the TOP, we help child welfare teams measure and track kid's social and emotional well-being and match them with the resources they need to thrive.

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# HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHETHER KIDS ARE GETTING BETTER?

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Treatment Outcome Package

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A tool that helps YOU help  
kids in your care!

# TOP ASSESSMENT TOOL

Your Social Worker may have mentioned a new assessment tool called the TOP that measures the well-being of kids in care. Here's some information that should help answer some questions about what TOP is and how it's used.

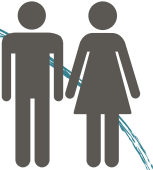
## What is the TOP?

- ❖ The TOP is an easy-to-use questionnaire that collects information about a child's well-being over time
- ❖ TOP is focused on the here and now— when you're answering the questions, you only have to think about the last 2 weeks!
- ❖ Information gathered can be used in meetings to inform case planning, decision making, and permanency goals



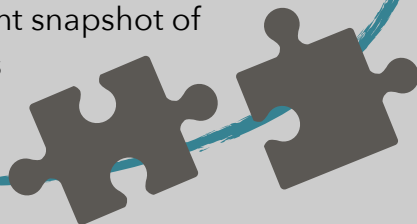
## Who completes the TOP?

- ❖ Anyone with a recent and significant relationship with the child can fill it out!
- ❖ Youth (12+), Parents, Caregivers, Relatives, Caseworkers, Therapists, Teachers, and more



## Why should I fill out a TOP?

- ❖ TOP gives you an opportunity to have your voice heard at the table— your voice is extremely important and should be a part of decision making for the child
- ❖ The tool provides a current snapshot of multiple perspectives



## How and when will I get it?

- ❖ Your social worker will talk to you about the TOP before you're asked to complete it
- ❖ The TOP can be completed online (through an email) or on paper— whatever you're comfortable with!
- ❖ The tool only takes about 7-10 minutes and you might be asked to fill it out 3-5 times per year

