

Child & Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument



The Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII) is a tool used to determine the level of care placement and provides options for appropriate services needed for youth applying to the Waiver. This tool is completed by an individual who has been certified as a CASII evaluator for the Children's Mental Health Waiver program. The individual may be a social worker, clinician, counselor, etc.

Families can expect the time spent with the evaluator to be 1-2 hours in length. The CASII is provided to Waiver applicants at no charge to the family.

Dimension scores are calculated to provide a composite score. Waiver eligibility requires a composite score of 20-27.

The level of care is determined by the following six dimensions:

Risk of Harm: This dimension is the measurement of a child or adolescent's risk of harm to self or others by various means and an assessment of his/her potential for being a victim of physical or sexual abuse, neglect or violence.

Functional Status: This dimension measures the impact of a child or adolescent's primary condition on his/her daily life. It is an assessment of the child's ability to function in all age-appropriate roles: family member, friend and student. It is also a measure of the effect of the presenting problem on such basic daily activities as eating, sleeping and personal hygiene.

Co-Occurring: This dimension measures the co-existence of disorders across four domains: Developmental Disability, Medical, Substance Abuse, and Psychiatric (CASII User's Manual, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 2007).

Recovery Environment: This dimension is divided into two subscales, Environmental Stress and Environmental Support. An understanding of the strengths and needs of the child or adolescent's family is essential to choosing an accurate rating in this dimension. It is also a measure of the neighborhood and community's role in either complicating or improving the child or adolescent's condition.

Resiliency and Treatment History: Resiliency refers to a child or adolescent's innate or constitutional emotional strength, as well as the capacity for successful adaptation. This dimension also measures the extent to which past services have been effective for the child or adolescent and his/her family.

Acceptance and Engagement: This dimension looks at two subscales to allow for measurement of both the child or adolescent's and his/her family's involvement in services.

Each dimension has a five point rating scale, from the score of one as "least severe" to the score of five as "most severe."

Level of Care Composite Score Table		
Level	Description	Score
Zero	Basic Services for Prevention & Maintenance	7-9
One	Recovery Maintenance & Health Management	10-13
Two	Outpatient Services	14-16
Three	Intensive Outpatient Services	17-19
Four	Intensive Integrated Services without 24-hour Psychiatric Monitoring	20-22
Five	Non Secure, 24-hour Psychiatric Monitoring	23-27
Six	Secure, 24-hour Psychiatric Management	28+

