



# Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment

Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Score Sheet		TENNESSEE VERSION 2.0
Child Name:	Caregiver (s):	
Assessor:	Date of Assessment:	

CAREGIVER RESOURCES & NEEDS	Score	YOUTH LIFE FUNCTIONING	Score
Adjustment to Trauma Experiences		Family Functioning	
Medical/Physical		Living Situation	
Developmental		Social Functioning	
Mental Health		Developmental/Intellectual	
Substance Use		Recreational	
Parental Criminal Activity		Legal	
Supervision		Medical/Physical	
Discipline		Sleep	
Involvement in Caregiving Functions		Sexual Development	
Knowledge		School Attendance	
Safety		School Behavior	
Organization		School Achievement	
Social Resources		<b>CULTURAL FACTORS</b>	Score
Residential Stability		Language	
<b>YOUTH TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES</b>	Score	Traditions and Rituals	
Sexual Abuse		Cultural Stress	
Physical Abuse		<b>YOUTH BEHAVIORAL/EMOTIONAL NEEDS</b>	Score
Emotional Abuse		Psychosis (Thought Disorder)	
Neglect		Attention/Concentration	
Medical Trauma		Impulsivity/Hyperactivity	
Witness to Family, Comm, School Violence		Depression	
Natural or Manmade Disaster		Anxiety	
War/Terrorism Affected		Oppositional Behavior	
Victim/Witness to Criminal Activity		Conduct	
Disruptions in Caregiving/Attachment Losses		Substance Use	
<b>YOUTH STRENGTHS</b>	Score	Attachment Difficulties	
Family Strengths/Support		Eating Disturbances	
Interpersonal/Social Connectedness		Anger Control	
Educational Setting		<b>YOUTH RISK BEHAVIORS</b>	Score
Vocational		Suicide Risk	
Optimism		Non-Suicidal Self-Injurious Behavior	
Talents and Interests		Other Self-Harm (Recklessness)	
Spiritual/Religious		Danger to Others	
Cultural Identity		Runaway	
Community Life		Fire Setting	
Relationship Permanence		Sexually Reactive Behavior	





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Resiliency		Sexual Aggression	
Natural Supports		Delinquent Behavior	
		Decision-Making (Judgment)	
		Intentional Misbehavior	
		Bullying Others	
		Victimization/Exploitation	

**Needs:**

0=no evidence

1=history, watch/prevent

2=recent, act

3=acute, act immediately

**Strengths:**

0=centerpiece

1=useful

2=identified

3=not yet identified





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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF FORM  
CS-0899**

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**The CANS tool is completed in TFACTS. This form can be used for draft purposes. Instructions for completion of this form are in the CANS Assessment Manual on the web site listed below:**

**<http://www.tn.gov/youth/dcsguide/manuals/CANSAssessmentManual.pdf>**