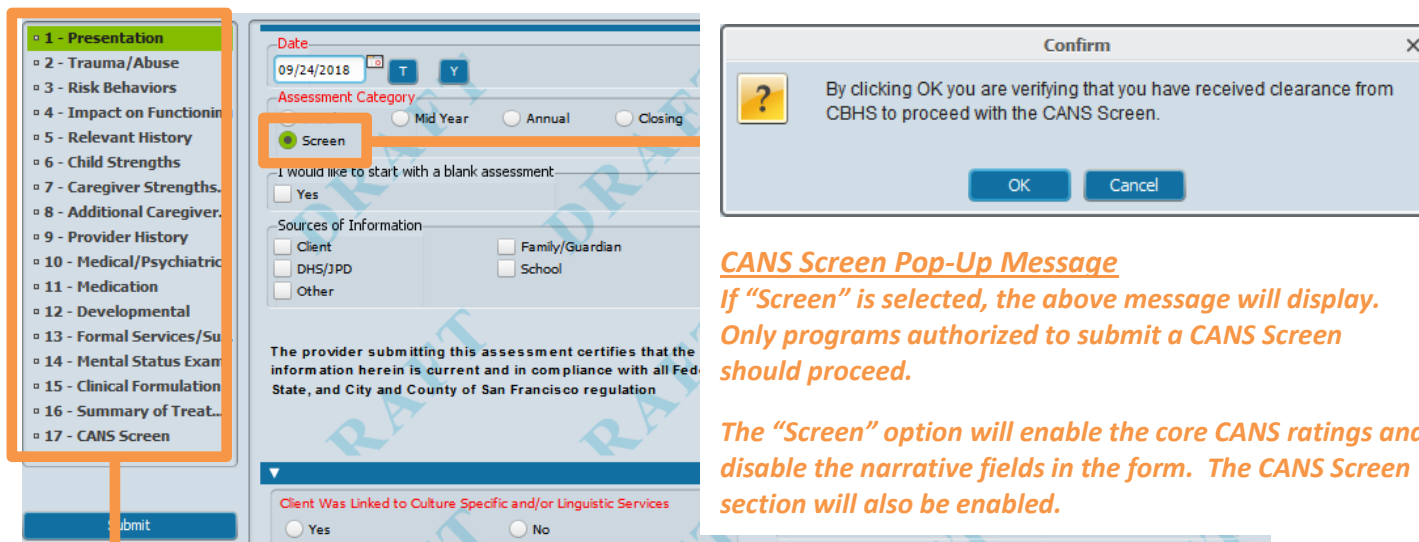


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## CANS Screen Pop-Up Message

If “Screen” is selected, the above message will display. Only programs authorized to submit a CANS Screen should proceed.

The “Screen” option will enable the core CANS ratings and disable the narrative fields in the form. The CANS Screen section will also be enabled.

## CANS Screen Road Map

When completing a CANS Screen, not all 17 sections are required. Below is a road map of the sections where the core fields that need to be completed for a CANS Screen can be found.

### **1 – Presentation Section**

The fields highlighted in red are the only required elements in this section. Notice the narrative box is not enabled and not required.

### **2 – Trauma/Abuse Section**

Same as the Presentation section. The sub modules are enabled but are not required.

### **3 – Risk Behaviors Section**

Same as the Presentation section.

### **4 – Impact on Functioning section**

Same as the Presentation section.

### **5 – Relevant History Section**

Same as the Presentation section except the Cultural Stress module will activate if rated above a “0”.

### **6 – Child Strengths**

Same as the Presentation section except the Cultural Stress module will activate if rated above a “0”.

### **7 – Caregiver Strengths/Needs Section**

Same as the Presentation section except the Cultural Stress module will activate if rated above a “0”.

### **8 –Additional Caregiver Strengths/Needs Section**

If there are no additional caregivers or you have minor consent then you can skip this section.

9 – Provider History Section – Although items appear red and required, you can still skip this section.

10 – Medical/Psychiatric Section - Although items appear red and required, you can still skip this section.

11 – Medication Section - Although items appear red and required, you can still skip this section.

12 – Developmental Section - Although items appear red and required, you can still skip this section.

13 – Formal Services/Supports Section - Although items appear red and required, you can still skip this section.

14 – Mental Status Exam Section - Although items appear red and required, you can still skip this section.

15 – Clinical Formulation Section - Although items appear red and required, you can still skip this section.

16 – Summary of Treatment Section - Although items appear red and required, you can still skip this section.

17 – **CANS Screen** (refer to page 2)

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**CANS Screen**  
The CANS Screen will help document and support referral decisions for the client.

**Level of Intensity Button**  
This button will generate a report that evaluates the CANS ratings to determine a level of intensity to be used when referring the client to services.

Here is an example of the report that is generated by clicking on this button.

For more information, refer to Level of Intensity Guide at the end of this document.

CANS-SF Screen Level of Intensity Guide		
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<b>SCORING FOR THE CURRENT ASSESSMENT</b>		
Behavioral/Emotional Needs Domain:	<b>Serious</b>	(Two Count: 2 / Three Count: 0)
Life Functioning Domain:	<b>Moderate</b>	(Two Count: 1 / Three Count: 0)
Risk Behaviors Domain:	<b>Serious</b>	(Two Count: 0 / Three Count: 1)
Caregiver Strengths and Needs Domain:	<b>Serious</b>	(Two Count: 1 / Three Count: 1)
<b>RECOMMENDED LEVEL OF INTENSITY:</b> Tier 2 Intensive Community Services		
Level of Intensity	Referral	Description of Criteria through CANS Ratings
<i>Detail on Recommended Level of Intensity</i>		
<b>Tier 2 Intensive Community Services</b>	ISCS (JPD) YTS (JPD) ICC/IHBS	Client meets <b>all</b> of the following: > Behavioral/Emotional Needs Domain = Moderate to Serious > Life Functioning Domain = Moderate to Serious > Risk Behaviors Domain = Moderate to Serious > Caregiver Strengths and Needs Domain = Serious
<i>Criteria Not Met (or Exceeded) for the Following Levels of Intensity</i>		
<b>Tier 4</b>	Residential	Client meets <b>all</b> of the following: > Behavioral/Emotional Needs Domain = Profound > Life Functioning Domain = Profound > Risk Behaviors Domain = Profound > Caregiver Strengths and Needs Domain = Profound
<b>HIGH Tier 3 Intensive Community Services</b>	Wrap TAY-FSP ICC/IHBS	Client meets <b>all</b> of the following: > Behavioral/Emotional Needs Domain = Serious to Profound > Life Functioning Domain = Serious to Profound > Risk Behaviors Domain = Serious to Profound > Caregiver Strengths and Needs Domain = Profound *we will start from Initial_OUOB or MICH risk for OUBP
<b>Tier 1 Community Services</b>	Outpatient Clinic School-based Services CBO's	Client meets <b>all</b> of the following: > Behavioral/Emotional Needs Domain = Moderate > Life Functioning Domain = Moderate > Risk Behaviors Domain = Moderate > Caregiver Strengths and Needs Domain = Moderate

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**This is the assessment date, as entered in the CANS form.**

**This is the "system date," i.e., the most recent date that the form was submitted. Note that this date may be different from the Assessment Date.**

Date	Data Entry Date	Data Entry By (Login)	Assessment Category	Draft/Final
09/10/2018	09/10/2018	Vincy Chow	Initial	Final
09/10/2018	09/10/2018	Vincy Chow	Mid Year	Final
09/10/2018	09/10/2018	Vincy Chow	Annual	Final
09/10/2018	09/13/2018	Lawrence Eaton (NTST)	Closing	Draft

**Edit the selected record (pick up where you left off on an existing Draft).**

**Add a new record for this client/episode.**

**Delete the selected record (Draft only).**

**The "Pre-Display"**  
 When opening a CANS form, once you have selected a client and episode, the "Pre-Display" will list all instances of the form that have previously been filed for the selected client and episode (as shown). This step is skipped by Avatar when there are no previously filed instances of the form for the selected client and episode.

Buttons: Add, Edit, Delete, Cancel

Episode	Date	Data Entry Date	Data Entry By (Lo	Assessment Catego	Draft/Final
1	09/10/2018	09/10/2018	Vincy Chow	Initial	Final
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1	09/10/2018	09/13/2018	Lawrence Eaton (N	Closing	Draft

OK

## "Pull Forward" Functionality

With this redesign of the form, a clinician will click on the ADD button to be presented with a "pull forward" window that will display any previously submitted CANS for the client. The "pull forward" functionality will move ratings from an initial into their mid-year, from any mid-year into their annual, and, finally, into a closing assessment.

You must select a submitted assessment then click on OK button to open the CANS

**Start with a Blank Assessment**

I would like to start with a blank assessment:

Yes

No

## Start with a Blank Assessment

Although you are required to select a previously submitted CANS assessment to open the form, you can still clear out the "pull-forward" data by clicking on the YES checkbox for "I would like to start with a blank assessment" field. This will remove all the pull-forward data and reset all the fields.

Exceptions to this are all of the iteration tables which will need to be cleared manually.

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The screenshot displays the CANS screen interface. On the left is a navigation menu with sections 1 through 17. Section 8, 'Additional Caregiver', is highlighted with an orange box. An orange line connects this box to the 'Additional Caregiver Strengths and Needs' section in the main form. Below the navigation menu are 'Submit' and 'Diagnosis' buttons. The main form area contains several sections: 'Additional Caregiver Strengths and Needs' with a table for caregiver information and an 'Add New Item' button; a 'KEY' section with a scale from 0 to 3; 'Medical/Physical', 'Mental Health', 'Substance Use', 'Developmental', 'Supervision', 'Legal Involvement', and 'Involvement With Care' sections, each with a scale from 0 to 3; 'Self Care / Daily Living', 'Employment', 'Transportation', 'Educational Attainment', 'Financial Resources', and 'Motivation for Care' sections, each with a scale from 0 to 3; and 'Cultural Stress' and 'Ability/Disability' sections with checkboxes for various categories and a 'Specify Other' field. A large 'DRAFT' watermark is overlaid diagonally across the form.

## Caregivers

There are two sections for caregivers.

- Section 7 - Caregiver Strength/Needs
- Section 8 - Additional Caregiver Strength/Needs

The caregiver data reported in section 7 will be sent to the State. Caregiver data reported in section 8 will not be sent to the State.

There is a checkbox in section 7 of there is no caregiver or minor consent is given.

## Iteration Tables

Section 8 Additional Caregiver Strengths/Needs is an example of an iteration table. The unusual aspect of the iteration table is that while fields appear to be "red and required" they are not. This section can be skipped and the form can be finalized.

Only when the "Add New Item" button is selected are the fields (in red) required to be completed.

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**New Cultural Stress Category**  
 There is a new module to capture cultural stress data. To activate the Cultural Stress Category module, a rating above "0" will need to be recorded for Cultural Stress.

**Cultural Stress is captured for the client and caregiver.**  
 You will see this module in the caregiver sections.

**Trauma Events**

- Sexual Abuse: 0
- Physical Abuse: 1
- Emotional Abuse: 0
- Neglect: 0
- Medical Trauma: 0
- Witness to Family Violence: 0
- Witness to Community/School Violence: 0
- Natural or Man-Made Disaster: 0

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**Ratings and Descriptions**

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**Updated Lightbulbs**  
 All rated items have associated help messages (lightbulbs), formatted for improved readability. You can see these help messages by hovering your cursor over the light bulb icon.

In the first screenshot below, the cursor is hovering over the light bulb associated with the Physical Abuse field. The second screenshot shows the same help message after clicking the light bulb icon.

The information in the lightbulbs can also be found in the updated CANS manuals.

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## CANS-SF Screen Level of Intensity Guide

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<b>Tier 2 Intensive Community Services</b>	ISCS (JPD) YTS (JPD) ICC/IHBS	Client meets <b>all</b> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Behavioral/Emotional Needs Domain = Moderate to Serious</li> <li>➢ Life Functioning Domain = Moderate to Serious</li> <li>➢ Risk Behaviors Domain = Moderate to Serious</li> <li>➢ Caregiver Strengths and Needs Domain = Serious</li> </ul>
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**Please note:**

- 1) This guide only recommends the level of intensity with corresponding referral based on the criteria. It is meant to start and facilitate decision-making when linking child/youth clients to services and should incorporate your clinical judgment. Remember to consider trauma history; current services in place (engagement, frequency, and intensity); as well as past history of services (level of engagement and participation). As such, it is expected that at times, even though the guide recommends a certain level of intensity, client case consultation and/or supervision might lead to recommending a client to a different level of intensity and subsequent referral.
- 2) Hospitalizations are assessed through Comprehensive Crisis Services (CCS) and use of the Crisis Assessment Tool (CAT).