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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)

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.
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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.
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 form 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
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.
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.
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.

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

The following counts refer to the number of ratings in a particular domain:
- Moderate = at least one 2
- Serious = at least one 3 or two 2’s
- Profound = at least two 3’s or three 2’s

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<tr>
<th>Level of Intensity</th>
<th>Referral</th>
<th>Description of Criteria through CANS Ratings</th>
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<td><strong>Tier 4</strong></td>
<td>Residential</td>
<td>Client meets <strong>all</strong> of the following:</td>
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<td>- Behavioral/Emotional Needs Domain = Profound</td>
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<td>- Life Functioning Domain = Profound</td>
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<td>- Risk Behaviors Domain = Profound</td>
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<td>- Caregiver Strengths and Needs Domain = Profound</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>HIGH Tier 3</strong></td>
<td>Wrap</td>
<td>Client meets <strong>all</strong> of the following:</td>
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<td>Intensive</td>
<td>TAY-FSP</td>
<td>- Behavioral/Emotional Needs Domain = Serious to Profound</td>
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<td>Community Services</td>
<td>ICC/IHBS</td>
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<td>*or will step-down from hospital, OOHP or HIGH risk for OOHP</td>
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<td>*Need for Permanency Planning</td>
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<td>- Caregiver Strengths and Needs Domain = Serious</td>
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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).