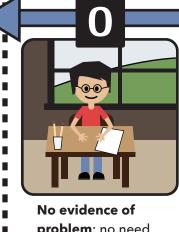




#### The Child and Adolescent **Needs and Strengths Tool**

# **0-3 RATING SYSTEM**

**ACTIONABLE NEEDS** 



problem; no need for action



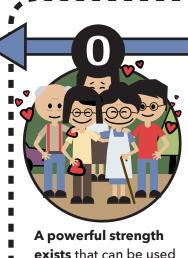
History of or suspicion of problem; requires monitoring, watchful waiting or preventative activities



**Problem is interfering** with function; requires action or intervention to address identified need or risk behavior



**Problem is dangerous** or disabling; requires immediate and/or intensive action



exists that can be used as a centerpiece for a strengths-based plan

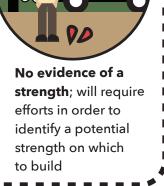
# Useful Strengths



A useful strength exists and will require some strength-building efforts in order for it to serve as a focus of a strengths-based plan



A strength has been identified but will require significant strength-building efforts before the strength can be effectively used as a focus of a strengths-based plan



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# **KEY COMPONENTS**



The focus is

on the youth's needs, not

interventions or

services

that

could

mask a

need.

All CANS items-such as functioning, risk factors, emotional and behavioral needs-are relevant for planning and decision-making.

The CANS is a comprehensive tool.



The CANS is STRENGTHS-BASED, focused on meeting the youth's and family's needs using the identified strengths.

The CANS keeps the conversation FAMILY-DRIVEN and YOUTH-GUIDED by being purposefully direct, transparent and clear. It

> It is OUTCOME-BASED, measuring a youth's and

family's progress toward completing

prioritized needs over time.

outcomes and

meeting

has simple ratings so that all people in the family's life can review and use the measure as a way to communicate about how the process is working.



#### CANS is about the What, not the Why.

Rather than trying to explain the underlying causes of a need, the CANS provides information to help the Wraparound team make decisions about what to focus on, where to start, or how to prioritize needs.

**Based on action** 

be over-ridden.

levels, specific 30-day

rating windows can





The CANS is COLLABORATIVE and allows professionals to enter all of the information they



have in one place, in order to be shared between team members quickly and easily.

The CANS considers an individual's culture and developmental stage before establishing action levels.



The CANS provides a means for aggregation and analysis at program, region, and state levels. Using outcomes

to drive system change allows for Systems of Care to be FAMILY-DRIVEN



and YOUTH-GUIDED.

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The CANS ratings translate into action levels.

