

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AVATAR INFORMATION NOTICE

TOPIC: Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-35)

Avatar Form(s), Process and/or Users Affected

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Avatar Form(s) **PSC-35**

Notice **NEW** Instructions for Completing the PSC-35 Are Available

Users Affected Children's Mental Health Clinicians (Does not affect SUD or Adult MH programs.)

Summary/Introduction

The Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC) is a 35-item screening questionnaire that is web-based and can be accessed through a new home console and widget in Avatar.

Reason for Adding The PSC-35 to the Forms You Complete

The state of California requires all counties to use the PSC-35 when evaluating children who receive mental health services.

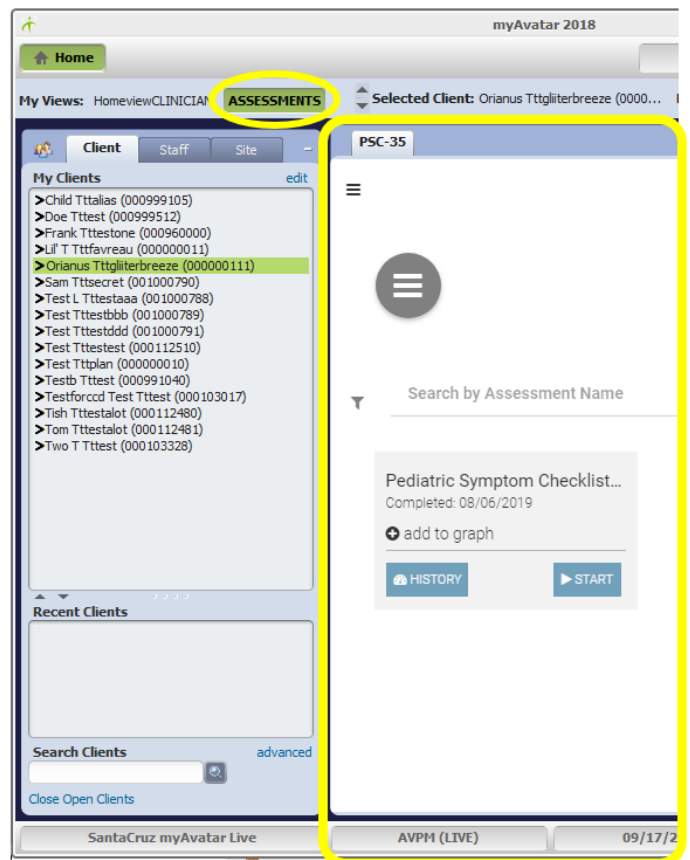
Description of PSC-35

The Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC) is a 35-item screening questionnaire designed to identify difficulties with psychosocial functioning in children, from the caregiver's perspective. It is based on the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment, taking 35 questions from the CANS that are thought to be the most relevant in identifying functional impairment.

Note that only Santa Cruz County Children's Mental Health staff need to fill out this form. Adult MH and SUD services are currently exempt.

Resources

More information about this issue will be posted on the Santa Cruz Avatar webpage shortly.



<http://www.santacruzhealth.org/hsahome/hsadivisions/behavioralhealth/avatarresources.aspx>

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