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# CANS PROTOCOL

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) will be the evaluation tool used at the intake/onset of treatment and then repeated at 6 months, the annual update and then every six months thereafter, anchored to the admission date.

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## 2. STAFF REQUIREMENTS

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- Staff members will need to be certified as CANS users via the online testing system before they are allowed to administer the CANS to clients.
  - All current staff will need to complete the CANS user certification by September 2, 2014.

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## 3. SEMI-ANNUAL REASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

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- The six-month, annual and on-going CANS should be completed within the month prior to the due date.
- For existing clients within the System of Care as of July 1, 2014, a list will be generated of all the Admission dates and clinicians will be required to submit a CANS within a month of the next six-month period.
  - This will mean that by January 1, 2014, all clients with an open admission will have a CANS in their chart.
- If a youth is opened to a second reporting unit, only a review of the existing CANS is required. Completing a new CANS will not be required.

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## 4. FILING THE CANS TOOL

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- The Information Systems Team is developing an electronic version of the CANS. Until this tool is tested and up and running, clinicians will be asked to turn in the CANS hard copy to the DATA ENTRY box, similar to what staff has been doing with the Ohio Scales and CBCLs.
  - If a clinician or team wants to continue to use the CBCL, it can be completed and submitted as it has been. It will be scored and returned to the clinician in the same way it is currently.