ASSESSING FOR NEEDS

Decision of whether or not information represents a NEED

Is there evidence, suspicion, or history of a need in this area?

- NO
  - Rate this item a '0'.

- YES
  - Is there clear evidence that the need is interfering with the individual's functioning? Will you take action?
    - NO/NOT SURE
      - Rate this item a '1' for a history of need; watchful waiting, or prevention.
    - YES
      - Rate this item a '2' if you will take action.

Rate this item a '3' if immediate action is needed because it is interfering with functioning at a disabling or dangerous level.

NOTE: It is important to develop consensus among all team members in identifying the youth's needs and in determining the item's action level.
ASSESSING FOR STRENGTHS

Decision of whether or not information represents a STRENGTH

- **NO**
  - Rate this item a '3' for no known strength. Determine appropriateness for identification or classification.

- **MAYBE**
  - Is the strength useful and something to work with, but the youth cannot use today?
  - Rate this item a '2' for an identified strength. Determine appropriateness for further development.

- **YES**
  - Is it a strength that will be used in planning?
  - Rate this item a '1' if it is a useful strength and there is opportunity to further develop.
  - Rate this item a '0' if it is a powerful/centerpiece strength.

**NOTE:** It is important to develop consensus among all team members in identifying the youth’s strengths and in determining the item’s action level.