

The Child & Adolescent Needs & Strengths (CANS) Comprehensive  
Measure in Maryland:  
**Summary of Proposed Item Revisions**

<b>New Items (27 Items)</b>	
<i>Items were added to this version of the CANS to improve the quality and the comprehensiveness of the assessment. Additions were made based upon the feedback from Maryland's child serving agencies, private service provider agencies, and family and youth advocates.</i>	
<b>Section</b>	<b>Item Name</b>
Life Domain Functioning	Enuresis/ Encopresis
	Sleeping
	Speech/Language Delay
	Autism Spectrum/PDD
Child & Environmental Strengths	Natural Supports (Unpaid)
	Youth Involvement with Care Planning
	Resiliency (Lifetime History)
	Resourceful (Lifetime History)
Child Behavioral/Emotional Needs	Eating Disturbance
	Attachment Difficulties
Child Risk Behaviors	Sexually Reactive Behaviors
	Bullying
	Exploited
Acculturation	Gender/Sexual Identity
Trauma Experiences	Neglect
	School Violence
	War-Affected
	Terrorism-Affected
Trauma Stress Symptoms	Avoidance
	Numbing
	Traumatic Grief/Separation
Caregiver Strengths & Needs	Attachment Difficulties
	Accessibility to Child Care Services
	Family Stress
	Marital/Partner Conflict
	Posttraumatic Reactions
	Caregiver Criminal Behavior

<b>Name Changes (24 Items)</b>		
<i>The names of items were changed in this version of the CANS to improve their clarity. This will improve understanding of the items and reliability of the assessment.</i>		
<b>Section</b>	<b>Previous Item</b>	<b>New Item Name</b>
Life Domain Functioning	Developmental	Intellectual (IQ Only)
	Vocational	Job Functioning
	Legal	Legal (DJS/Criminal Court)
	Judgment	Judgment/Decision Making
	Sexuality	Sexual Development
Child & Environmental Strengths	Family	Family Environment
	Educational	Educational Environment
	Vocational	Vocational Preferences and Skills
Child Behavioral/Emotional Needs	Impulse/Hyper	Attn Deficit/Impulse Control
	Substance Use	Substance Abuse
	Oppositional	Oppositional Behavior (Non-compliance with Authority)
	Conduct	Conduct/Antisocial Behavior
Child Risk Behaviors	Self Mutilation	Self-Injurious Behavior
	Other Self Harm	Reckless Behavior
	Social Behavior	Intentional Misbehavior
	Delinquency	Delinquent Behavior
Acculturation	Identity	Cultural Identity
Trauma Stress Symptoms	Intrusions	Re-experiencing
	Affect Regulation	Affect Dysregulation
Trauma Experiences	Natural Disaster	Natural/Manmade Disasters
	Witness to Community Violence	Community Violence
Caregiver Strengths & Needs	Involvement	Involvement with Care
	Social Resources	Resources
	Physical	Physical Health

<b>Combined Items (1 Item)</b>		
<i>This item was combined to improve the clarity and simplify the assessment process.</i>		
<b>Section</b>	<b>Previous Item</b>	<b>Split Items</b>
Life Domain Functioning	Physical	Medical/Physical
	Medical	

<b>Split Items (2 Items)</b>		
<i>Items were split to improve the clarity and simplify the assessment process.</i>		
<b>Section</b>	<b>Previous Item</b>	<b>Split Items</b>
Life Domain Functioning	Social Development	Social Functioning-Peer
		Social Functioning-Adult
	Interpersonal	Interpersonal-Peer
		Interpersonal-Non-Caregiver Adult

<b>Items That Moved(1 Item)</b>		
<i>Items were moved into new sections with other like items.</i>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Previous Section</b>	<b>New Section</b>
Judgment (New Name of item is "Judgment/Decision Making")	Child Risk Behaviors	Life Domain Functioning

*The manual has been revised to include updated definitions and examples and possible interview questions to aid in the administrations of the assessment.*