



# YOUTH ASSESSMENT AND SCREENING INSTRUMENT

## IMPROVING THE WAY WE ASSESS YOUTH

### NC IMPLEMENTATION

YASI (Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument) is an innovative risk, needs, and strengths assessment for justice involved youth. The purpose for using YASI is measuring risk of recidivism and developing service plans.



### YASI DOMAINS WITH INCLUDED TOPICS ASSESSED

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| *LEGAL HISTORY           | Past disposed offenses, age at first offense, detention stays, adult offenses, etc.                                   |
| FAMILY                   | Parenting skills (rewards and consequences, supervision), positive relationships with parents/siblings social support |
| BASIC NEEDS              | Food, housing/shelter, material needs                                                                                 |
| SCHOOL                   | Attendance, performance, behavior, involvement, attachment to teachers                                                |
| COMMUNITY AND PEERS      | Pro-social peers, adult mentors, community involvement, positive neighborhood                                         |
| ALCOHOL AND DRUGS        | Current and past usage, treatment, and impact on behavior.                                                            |
| MENTAL HEALTH            | Current and past treatment, abuse, suicidal, homicidal, and sexualized behavior                                       |
| PHYSICAL HEALTH          | Conditions, access to health care, medication, dental, vision, reproductive health                                    |
| AGGRESSION/ VIOLENCE     | Anger management, negative beliefs about using violence                                                               |
| ATTITUDES                | Pro-social attitudes (positive toward legal authorities, acceptance of responsibility, amends)                        |
| ADAPTIVE SKILLS          | Problem-solving, social skills, consequential thinking, impulse control, planning, and goal-setting                   |
| EMPLOYMENT AND FREE TIME | Employment, positive leisure interests, hobbies                                                                       |

### YASI MEASURES CHANGE WITHIN CRIMINOGENIC FACTORS

(i.e. thinking, peers, family, leisure, behavior, employment/school, and substance use).

### YASI FEATURES

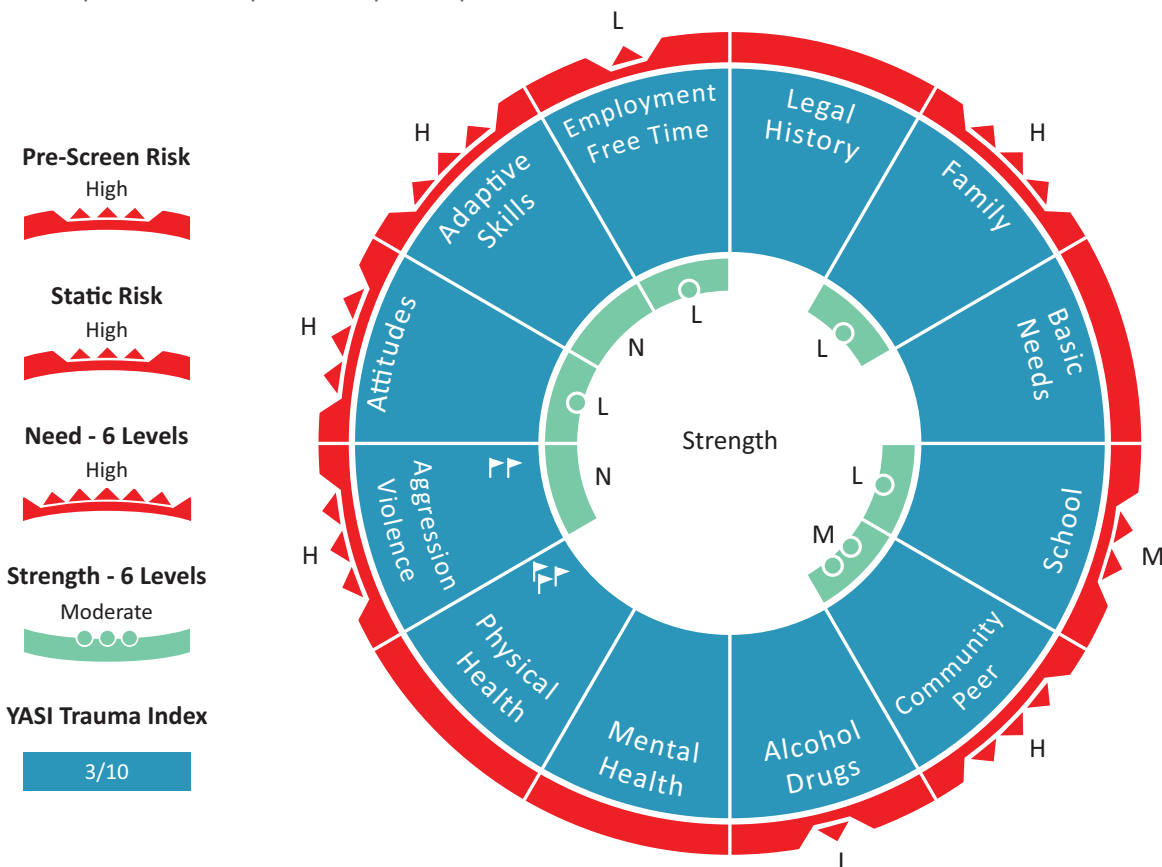
- Assesses for Strengths
- Gender Responsive
- Identifies Trauma/Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Responds to Risk/Needs/Responsivity utilizing Motivational Interviewing
- Improves Case Planning with Service to Needs Matching
- Measures Change with Reassessments
- Identifies Current and Past Mental Health Issues
- Scoring of Assessment is Different for Boys and Girls (to correct for tendency for risk assessments to over classify girls)

\* Legal History is static and information is captured for the purposes of recidivism and overall risk.

## YASI WHEEL

The YASI Wheel provides the results of the full assessment and shows the Risk, Needs, Strengths and Trauma Index of each child. It is part of the dispositional packet provided to the Court.

SAMPLE - YASI Wheel/Full Assessment Results



YASI Wheel/Full Assessment Legend

### Interpret

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| <p><b>Low</b></p> <p><b>Moderate</b></p> <p><b>High</b></p> <p><b>Pre-Screen Risk</b><br/>Indicates Low, Moderate or High probabilities of reoffending (based on static and dynamic factors)</p> | <p><b>Low</b></p> <p><b>Moderate</b></p> <p><b>High</b></p> <p><b>Static Risk</b><br/>Indicates Low, Moderate or High levels of static risk (based only on historical factors)</p> | <p><b>Very High</b></p> <p><b>High</b></p> <p><b>Moderate High</b></p> <p><b>Moderate</b></p> <p><b>Low</b></p> <p><b>Very Low</b></p> <p><b>Need 6-Levels</b><br/>A summary score with up to 6 levels indicating varying needs for service. Very high indicates a youth / family with multiple needs for service that may elevate risk of reoffending</p> | <p><b>Very High</b></p> <p><b>High</b></p> <p><b>Moderate High</b></p> <p><b>Moderate</b></p> <p><b>Low</b></p> <p><b>Very Low</b></p> <p><b>Strength 6-Levels</b><br/>A summary score with up to 6 strength levels. Very High indicates a youth / family with multiple strengths, assets, supports or protective factors that may lower risk of reoffending</p> |
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### Interpreting YASI Wheel: Need levels on the outside and Strength levels on the inside of the Wheel

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| <p><b>N</b> <b>L</b> <b>M</b> <b>H</b></p> <p><b>On the Outside Perimeter of YASI Wheel</b><br/>3 Levels: Low, Moderate and High indicate the level of need for service in a specific domain (e.g., family, school, etc.). "N" = no needs in the domain</p> | <p><b>N</b> <b>L</b> <b>M</b> <b>H</b></p> <p><b>On the Inside of YASI Wheel</b><br/>3 Levels: Low, Moderate and High levels of strength in a specific domain (e.g., in Family, School, etc.). "N" = no strengths in the domain</p> |
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### Flags on the YASI Wheel

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| <p><b>Basic Needs &amp; Physical Health</b><br/>Up to 3 flags display (No flags = no problems)</p> <p>1 minor need for youth / family</p> <p>2 needs for youth / family</p> <p>significant need (e.g., homelessness, medical condition with no health insurance)</p> | <p><b>YASI Trauma Index</b><br/>0/10</p> <p>The YASI Trauma Index score ranges from 0 to 10. Youth receive 1 point for each Adverse Childhood Experience they have experienced. For example, a score of 3 / 10 indicates a youth experienced 3 of the 10 possible Adverse Childhood Experiences included in YASI.</p> |
| <p><b>Mental Health</b> Up to 2 flags display (No flags = no problems)</p> <p>1 mental health problem indicator</p> <p>2 or more mental health problems indicators, an official mental health diagnosis or a serious matter such as suicidal intent</p>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>Violence</b> (past or current) Up to 2 flags display (No flags = no violence)</p> <p>responsible for a violent incident</p> <p>responsible for 2 or more violent incidents</p>                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**NOTE:** *Static* for YASI purposes means that it is based on history and current behavior/circumstances. It is based more on history and will not improve. *Dynamic* for YASI purposes means that it is only based on behavior/circumstances in the last 3 months. Based only on recent and could improve.

