

Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII)

The CASII is a tool to determine the appropriate service intensity for a child or adolescent. The CASII assessment method consists of quantifying the clinical severity and service needs on six dimensions (eight ratings) that are standardized using anchor points. The ratings are quantified in order to convey information easily, but also provide a rating spectrum along which a child/adolescent may score on any given dimension. This can be done for any child/adolescent ages 6-18 in any setting regardless of diagnosis or the system with which the child is involved. The instrument also considers three distinct types of disorders: psychiatric disorders, substance use disorders, or developmental disorders (including autism and mental retardation), and has the ability to integrate these as overlapping clinical issues. Once the dimensional ratings are done, the scores are combined to generate a service intensity recommendation.