



## Department of Behavioral Health INFORMATION NOTICE 17-07

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**Date:** April 24, 2017

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**To:** All Department of Behavioral Health Staff and Contractors

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**From:** Veronica Kelley, Director

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**Subject:** New Child/Adolescent Clinical Assessment – Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths – San Bernardino Form (CLP015-1)

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**Introduction** The Child/Adolescent Clinical Assessment form has been updated to incorporate Child and Adolescent Needs Strengths – San Bernardino (CANS-SB) information. [CLP015-1](#) allows documentation of CANS-SB assessment data on the clinical assessment form. The original version (CLP015) may still be used when clinically appropriate. There are now simply two versions of the clinical assessment form (CLP015 and CLP015-1).

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**Background** The CANS is one of the tools within the Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM) utilized by DBH. TCOM is a conceptual framework for managing complex health care services to appropriately address the needs and strengths of clients. The utilization of CANS-SB has been utilized in various programs within the DBH Children's System of Care since September 2009, and has been implemented in all children's services since May 2015. It is the primary method of indicating clients' needs and strengths at the onset of services as well as progress during treatment.

The inclusion of CANS-SB items within the clinical assessment form helps facilitate seamless implementation of this TCOM tool, and increases efficiency of completing the initial CANS-SB.

CANS measures various outcomes, including but not limited to:

- Reducing subjective suffering serious emotional disorders for children and youth
  - Reducing a variety of functional difficulties
  - Reducing homelessness and increase the safe and permanent housing
  - Increasing self-help and consumer family involvement
  - Reducing criminal and juvenile justice involvement
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**Questions**

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