

CANSnews

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CANSnews communicates updates, news, helpful tips, and reminders to each court participating in the CANS pilot.

To analyze data we need a unique child identifier (e.g., Social Security Number)

USE:

- 999-99-9999 if they are an undocumented / illegal alien
- 888-88-8888 if the parent has not applied for a SSN
- 888-88-8888 if they refuse to give the SSN

When to use INITIAL and SUBSEQUENT on the form

–Select **INITIAL** when the child has their first entry in the screening system since the beginning of the CANS project

–Select **SUBSEQUENT** when the child has a second, third, etc. . . formal charge since the beginning of the CANS project and already has a CANS on file. Note that if they return to the YSO on another issue, but there is no formal charge, do not complete a new CANS.

What is an EVENT?

–The definition of “event” as entered on the CANS form is “a new charge” – not a review hearing, etc.

- It is best to complete a CANS on each child, even if they will have a DCS CANS or are under DCS supervision.

The Vanderbilt COE’s team of TICS RP consultants welcomes Michael George to the project. Michael can be contacted by email (Michael.George@vanderbilt.edu) or by phone (615-438-8378).

Item Spotlight

Impulsivity / Hyperactivity

The types of disorders included within this item are Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and disorders of impulse control. Youth with impulse problems tend to engage in behavior without thinking, regardless of the consequences.

0	No evidence
1	Some problems with impulsive, distractible, or hyperactive behavior that places the youth at risk of future functioning difficulties.
2	Clear evidence of problems with impulsive, distractible, or hyperactive behavior that interferes with the youth’s ability to function in at least one life domain.
3	Clear evidence of a dangerous level of impulsive behavior that can place the youth at risk of physical harm.

How would you score on this vignette?

Jason is 15 and has academic and behavioral problems at school. He frequently gets in trouble at school for not paying attention, not completing his work, and being disruptive in class due to his hyperactivity. Jason says that he has taken medicine in the past for ADHD but that he doesn’t think that he needs it anymore because he is getting plenty of exercise by playing on the football team.

Score this item a 2 since there is clear evidence that Jason’s impulsive and hyperactive symptoms interfere with at least one life domain (school). This would not be a 3 because a 3 on this item is reserved for those whose impulsive behavior has placed them in physical danger.