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Additional Assessments

These **free additional assessments** are available to help practitioners and caregivers attend to life skills relevant to youth with particular characteristics or circumstances. These assessments were developed by content experts and vetted by young people and professionals. Each assessment takes approximately 20 - 30 minutes to complete.

Like the Casey Life Skills Assessment (CLSA), they are scored on a scale of 1 – 5 and practitioners can see a youth's average scores on the assessment results. Co-administration of these assessments with the primary CLSA may provide a more thorough picture of a young person's overall life skills readiness and preparation.

To have youth take one of these additional assessments, have youth select the assessment from the assessment type drop down box on the Login page.

Pregnant and Parenting Assessments

Healthy Pregnancy

Addresses a range of prenatal and post-partum care issues that pregnant youth need to know. This 31 item assessment addresses skill areas important to having a healthy pregnancy, birth and recovery: medical, daily habits and care, safety and well-being, newborn care, self-care following birth, and expectant fathers.

Parenting of Infants

This 77 item instrument is designed to help parents of infants—birth to one year—learn skills and gain knowledge. It covers health, nutrition, child care, safety and well-being, child growth and development, and nurturing behaviors. The assessment helps young people gain knowledge and heighten self-awareness about proper parenting—skill areas needed to insure healthy babies.

Parenting Young Children

A 61 item assessment that covers skill areas to promote positive parenting of young children—ages two to six years—including health, nutrition, child care, safety and well-being, child growth and development, and nurturing behaviors. Very young parents may lack knowledge about toddlers in regards to their health, nutrition, and safety. This assessment promotes conversation between parents and teachers in order to improve overall parenting skills.

Education Assessments

The Education Assessments cover factors related to school performance and attitudes, school climate and safety, home support for education, high school completion, and enrollment in and completion of a postsecondary education and training experience. Aspects of the education experience include expectations and support from teachers and caregivers, school support for a youth's cultural identity, attendance and behavior, achievement in basic skills, study skills, school engagement and motivation, planning for postsecondary education and training, and determining support services.

Type of Assessment	Grades	Number of Items	Areas Assessed
Level 1 Elementary School	4 – 5	76	Specifics about a youth's school or program, motivation, academic success, technology and study skills, time management, supportive connections, financial aid and debt, health, foster care issues, and feelings of safety in school. and, if applicable, disabilities and other education challenges
Level 2 Middle School	6 – 8	102	Similar to Level I
Level 3 High School	9 – 12	106	Similar to Levels 1 & 2 plus assessing a youth's plans for after high school
Level Postsecondary	Two and four-year college, vocational and technical training	105	Similar to Level III plus advanced study skills, a sound knowledge of technology, and stable, supportive relationships
Educational Supports	All ages	32	IEP or 504 Plan support and assistance for young people with disabilities

These assessments serve as a “snapshot” of a student’s strengths, needs, and areas of concern for educational planning. They are applicable for youth of all genders, races, ethnicities, and sexual orientations. These assessments do not measure academic skills and knowledge, but they do contain probes in math, reading, written language, technology, and transition planning. All levels have been reviewed by K-12 and postsecondary experts to assure that the probes relate to factors directly related to school success. The Educational Supports Assessment helps to inform conversations, counseling and formation of IEP’s and 504 plans.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth Assessment (GLBTQ)

The number of young people in foster care who are GLBTQ is not known, however research estimates this population to be between 4 percent and 10 percent. Addressing the particular needs of LGBT youth is a relevant concern for child welfare agencies because youth are “coming out” at younger ages than ever before, and this presents a unique set of challenges for both families and child welfare systems. This assessment has 81 items and covers GLBTQ terminology, self-concept, community resources and supports, health, environment and safety, and family and community values.

The GLBTQ Assessment is to be used only with youth who have self-identified as GLBTQ and/or expressed an interest in this area. If you believe you have a youth who may be GLBTQ, it helps to create a positive environment to let them know you are a caring provider and receptive to helping them. For guidance on how to treat your GLBTQ clients with dignity and respect [click here to access Caseworkers with GLBTQ Clients PDF](#).

American Indian Assessment

The American Indian Assessment is designed to address the unique cultural needs of American Indians in maintaining their cultural identity while navigating between two worlds. The 27 items covered include religious and spiritual beliefs, resources and trust, tribal affiliations, family and community values, and living in two worlds. It was built in collaboration with tribal elders, community leaders, parent and youth from tribes across the United States.

This assessment may help American Indian youth as they struggle to retain their tribal values when living in large, urban settings and difficulty they may experience when they return to their tribal community. In addition, identity and spiritual development for American Indian youth may have a different pattern than that of non-native youth. This self-report can promote conversation between the youth and responsible caregivers or other adults.

Homeless Youth Assessment

This 48 item assessment addresses issues of care for youth living on the streets. It taps domains crucial to insuring they understand the resources available to them, ways to be safe, how to avoid victimization, and how to secure safe and sustainable housing. It covers knowledge and behavior in the skill areas of daily life, family and friends, health, housing, jobs, legal, safety and survival, and school. Heightened self-awareness for homeless young people may result in successfully and permanently leaving homelessness and achieving greater long-term success

Younger Youth

Youth Assessment Level I (elementary ages)

This 33-item assessment is appropriate for younger youth ages 8-9 or any young person with reading and/or developmental challenges. Youth can self-report on communication, daily living, home life, self-care, and work and study skills.

Youth Assessment Level II (middle school ages)

With 49 items, this assessment is for youth ages 10-13. Like Youth Level I, it may be useful for young people with reading and/or developmental challenges. It assesses areas in communication, daily living, self-care, social relationships, and work and study skills.