



# Children's Behavioral Health *Screening* Transformation



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# DISCUSSION

Goals for Screening

Screening Levels

Summary of DOJ Requirements

Selected Screening Tools

When to Screen

# GOALS



**Improve** statewide  
**screening**



**Identify** youth with  
behavioral health needs  
earlier and in broader  
settings



**Adopt a SET of TOOLS** to  
be utilized statewide



**Develop collaborative  
agreements** with  
community partners (i.e.  
counties)

# SCREENING LEVELS

## Screening Tools

- Brief, MH specific, validated, and developmentally appropriate
- GENERAL
- CHOSEN APRIL 2026

## Clinical Assessment Tools

- Prediction for risk for hospitalization, overall functioning, identified needs and strengths across domains to inform decisions about level of care, type and intensity of services needed
- TREATMENT planning
- To be CHOSEN JUNE 2026 \*

## Comprehensive Assessments

- Psychosocial, Treatment, and Family History (w/Medical History)
- Evaluation by practitioner
- CHOSEN by practitioner

# DOJ REQUIREMENTS



Brief

Mental health specific

Developmentally appropriate

Validated

# Screening Tools Selected

1. AC-OK-COD
2. ASQ – Ages and Stages Questionnaire
3. BAC – Brief Assessment Checklist
4. DSM-5 TR
5. GAIN SS – Global Appraisal of Individual Needs
6. MAYSI – Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument
7. MHST –Mental Health Screening Tool
8. PSC – Pediatric Screening Checklist
9. SDQ – Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire
10. SSRS-IR – Student Risk Screening Scale
11. CRAFFT – Car, Relax, Alone, Forget, Friends/Family, Trouble

# WHEN TO SCREEN

## GENERAL PUBLIC ENTRY to Care

- **Eligible** for admission into a Psych Hospital or PRTF
- Receiving **services** through Developmental Services Program
- **NEW periodic screening** requirements for Medicaid eligible Children \*

## COUNTY ENTRY to Care

- Child Welfare, initiation of services
- Child Welfare Emergency Shelter, **< 7 days w/o history of BH services**
- Enters **Juvenile Justice** system **w/o BH diagnosis**
- Enters **Juvenile Detention**
- Enters **Youth Parole services**