

1. SEXUAL ABUSE – <i>This rating describes the youth's experience of sexual abuse.</i>		
Dynamics to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you know or suspect that child has been sexually trafficked? Does youth have a history of being sexually abused by multiple perpetrators? Did caregiver allow sexual abuse of child to happen for financial gain, drugs, or shelter? 		<u>CANS Ratings</u>
	0	No evidence of any problems with sexual development.
	1	There is a suspicion that the child has experienced sexual abuse with some degree of evidence. This could include evidence of sexually reactive behavior as well as exposure to a sexualized environment or Internet predation. Children who have experienced secondary sexual abuse (e.g., witnessing sexual abuse, having a sibling sexually abused) also would be rated here.
	2	Child has experienced one or more incidents of sexual abuse, but this abuse was not chronic or severe. This might include a child who has experienced molestation without penetration on a single occasion.
	3	Child has experienced severe or chronic sexual abuse with multiple episodes or lasting over an extended period of time. This abuse may have involved penetration or multiple perpetrators.
Supplemental Information: If you know or believe the youth was a victim of sexual trafficking, refer for a CSEC assessment		

Sample note for Item 1 Sexual Abuse: (These are sample notes that could be used to capture human trafficking dynamics, if they exist)

Item rated a 2: Youth reported that her mother's "boyfriend" touched her breasts after he provided her mother with drugs. She was extremely upset as it seemed that her mother actually allowed this to happen.

Item rated a 3: Youth indicates that the person she stays with when she is on run would often times leave her alone with males in order to get the money needed to keep the place, they stay in. She stated that she loves him and will do whatever is necessary, including sex with strangers. She has been doing this over the past 60 days. She hopes to be done with this by the time she turns seventeen.

36. LEGAL – <i>This item describes the child's (not the family's) involvement with the legal system. This could include involvement in the Juvenile or Adult Justice Systems.</i>		
Dynamics to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certain status offenses (loitering, runaways, and curfew violations) may indicate possible sex trafficking. 		<u>CANS Ratings</u>
	0	Child has no known legal difficulties.
	1	Child has a history of legal problems but currently is not involved with the legal system and is not currently on parole or probation.
	2	Child has some legal problems, is currently involved in the legal system, and may have active parole and/or probation mandates.
	3	Child has serious current or pending legal difficulties that place him/her at risk for a re-arrest or youth is currently incarcerated.
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Sample note for Item 36 Legal: (These are sample notes that could be used to capture human trafficking dynamics, if they exist)

Item rated a 2: Youth is on probation for petty theft and curfew violations. The youth reports that he does what he needs to do to survive when on run. Sometimes he steals food and items he can sell. Other times, he must do worse stuff, but will not say what that is.

Item rated a 3: Youth has a court date coming up this month regarding assault charges. She stated that she was angry when the man she had sexual relations with refused to pay her. She needs to make a certain amount of money to make her 'boyfriend' happy. Looking at her other legal offenses (loitering and curfew violations) she may be a victim of human trafficking.

40. SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT – <i>This item looks at broad issues of sexual development, including sexual behavior, sexual identity, sexual concerns, and the reactions of significant others to any of these factors.</i>		
Dynamics to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does youth have multiple older sexual partners? Is there suspicion that youth is being sexually exploited for financial gain? Does youth exchange sex for gifts, money, or shelter? 		<u>CANS Ratings</u>
	0	No evidence of any problems with sexual development.
	1	Mild to moderate problems with sexual development. May include concerns about sexual identity or anxiety about the reactions of others.
	2	Significant problems with sexual development. May include inappropriate or high-risk sexual behavior, distress due to gender identity issues, and/or some experience of negative reactions of others.
	3	Profound problems with sexual development. This level would include prostitution, very frequent risky sexual behavior, or sexual aggression and/or the expectation of specific life-threatening reactions by others.
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Sample note for Item 40 Sexual Development:

Item rated a 2: Youth is transgender girl and began sexual activity at age 14. Youth feels rejected by bio family and peers and has had multiple placements. Youth has many online relationships with older males (30s) and reported meeting them for “dates.” Youth denies sexual contact and will not disclose identifying information.

Item rated a 3: Youth is transgender girl who has frequent sexual contact with men she meets at the park. She has accepted money as gifts from men. She has been physically assaulted three times in the last two months by cars full of men that picked her up in the early hours of the night. She denied she was raped.

66. RUNAWAY - <i>In general, to classify as a runaway or elopement, the child is gone overnight or extremely late into the night. Impulsive behavior that represents an immediate threat to personal safety would also be rated here.</i>		
Dynamics to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does youth run to be with a non-relative? Is youth financially dependent on another when on run? Does an unknown person pay for youth's hotel stay while on run? 		<u>CANS Ratings</u>
	0	This rating is for a child with no history of running away and no ideation involving escaping from the present living situation.
	1	This rating is for a child with no recent history or running away but who has expressed ideation about escaping present living situation or treatment. Child may have threatened running away on one or more occasions or have a history (lifetime) of running away but not in the past year.
	2	This rating is for a child who has run away from home once or run away from one treatment setting within the past year. Also rated here is a child who has run away to home (parental or relative) in the past year.
	3	This rating is for a child who has (1) run away from home and/or treatment settings within the last 7 days or (2) run away from home and/or treatment setting twice or more overnight during the past 30 days. Destination is not a return to home of parent or relative.
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Sample note for Item 66 Runaway:

Item rated a 2: Youth has run away from treatment facility one time since the last CANS was completed. She was gone for 65 days. She did not run home per her mother's report. She had no financial resources when she left, yet stated she stayed at a few different hotels with her boyfriend while she was gone.

Item rated a 3: Youth is frequently on run. She only returns to the treatment facility to "chill" for a few days and then is gone. She often comes back wearing more expensive clothing than what she left with. Sometimes, she convinces other female youth to run away with her and meet up with her and her boyfriend.

71. SEXUALLY REACTIVE BEHAVIORS - <i>Sexually reactive behavior includes both age-inappropriate sexualized behaviors that may place a child at risk for victimization or risky sexual practices.</i>		
Dynamics to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does child flirt with older youth or adults in a sexual manner? Does youth wear age inappropriate or sexually provocative clothing? Does youth engage in sexualized behaviors that are not in align with their age? 		<u>CANS Ratings</u>
	0	No evidence of problems with sexually reactive behaviors or high-risk sexual behaviors.
	1	Some evidence of sexually reactive behavior. Child may exhibit occasional inappropriate sexual language or behavior, flirts when age-inappropriate, or engages in unprotected sex with single partner. This behavior does not place child at significant risk. A history of sexually provocative behavior would be rated here.
	2	Moderate problems with sexually reactive behavior that place child at some risk. Child may exhibit more frequent sexually provocative behaviors in a manner that impairs functioning, engage in promiscuous sexual behaviors, or have unprotected sex with multiple partners.
	3	Significant problems with sexually reactive behaviors. Child exhibits sexual behaviors that place child or others at immediate risk.
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Sample note for Item 71 Sexually Reactive Behaviors:

Item rated a 2: The youth is very sexually provocative with males, particularly males that are more than 5 years older than she is. She has stated that older males can get her what she wants and often do. She stated that she and her boyfriend know how to get what they need from people.

Item rated a 3: The youth reports that she has been sexually abused since the age of 7. She has been touched and fondled by family members. She stated that her mother did not believe her when she asked for help. She stated she knew then that she could only count on herself. Overtime, she has just come to accept that men only want her for her body. She uses their weakness against them to get what she wants. She feels she can get any male to give her anything she wants. She even stated that she has someone that will take care of it, if any man hurts her.

90. INTIMATE RELATIONSHIPS - <i>This item is used to rate the individual's current status in terms of romantic/intimate relationships. This item supplements information from the Ansell-Casey assessment.</i>		
Dynamics to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is youth in relationship with someone three of more years older? Does youth go on run to be with partner? Does youth depend on partner financially or for housing? Is youth involved in a violent, manipulative, or emotionally dependent relationship? Is there suspicion that youth is being sexually exploited for financial gain? 		<u>CANS Ratings</u>
	0	Adaptive partner relationship. Individual has a strong, positive, partner relationship with another adult, or they have maintained a positive partner relationship in the past but are not currently in an intimate relationship.
	1	Mostly adaptive partner relationship. Individual has a generally positive partner relationship with another individual. This relationship may, at times, impede the individual's healthy development.
	2	Limited adaptive partner relationship. The individual has a recent history of being in a domestically violent relationship or a recent history of being in a relationship where he/she was overly dependent on his/her partner. Individual may or may not be currently involved in any partner relationship with another individual.
	3	Significant difficulties with partner relationships. Individual is currently involved in a negative or domestically violent relationship or a relationship where he/she is totally dependent on his/her partner.
	N/A	Not applicable
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Sample note for Item 90 Intimate Relationships:

Item rated a 2: The youth reported that her older boyfriend has begun to yell and scream at her. He was so nice for about 2 weeks. But he is beginning to ask her to do things that are making her feel uncomfortable. She will not share what he is asking her to do, but she did say that she is confused about why a boyfriend would ask her to do those things with other people.

Item rated a 3: The youth has known her boyfriend for about 2 months. He is nineteen, four years older than her. She has run away from the placement several times to be with him and stays with him while she is gone. She has no source of income and is completely dependent on him for everything when gone. She came back recently with bruises and marks on her. She stated that her boyfriend was disappointed in her and it was her fault he got so mad. She said he was only a little rough with her because he cares so much about her. She does not understand why he wants her to have sex with other men.

93. VICTIMIZATION - <i>This item is used to examine a history and level of current risk for victimization.</i>		
Dynamics to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there suspicion that youth is being sexually exploited for financial gain? Does youth have a history of being sexually abused by multiple perpetrators? Does youth have a history of being sexually trafficked? 		CANS Ratings
	0	This level indicates a person with no evidence of recent victimization and no significant history of victimization within the past year. The person may have been robbed or burglarized on one or more occasions in the past, but no pattern of victimization exists. Person is not presently at risk for re-victimization.
	1	This level indicates a person with a history of victimization but who has not been victimized to any significant degree in the past year. Person is not presently at risk for re-victimization.
	2	This level indicates a person who has been recently victimized (within the past year) but is not in acute risk of re-victimization. This might include physical or sexual abuse, significant psychological abuse by family or friend, extortion, or violent crime.
	3	This level indicates a person who has been recently victimized and is in acute risk of re-victimization. Examples include CSE or living in an abusive relationship.
	N/A	Not applicable
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Sample note for Item 93 VICTIMIZATION:

Item rated a 2: 9 months ago, youth was sexually assaulted by a former boyfriend but declined to press charges out of fear of retaliation. Youth blames self and continues to have online contact with perpetrator and excuse his abusive behavior. He is worried that getting back together with his boyfriend might mean a return to his previous way of making money for him.

Item rated a 3: Youth was raped a party while intoxicated 3 weeks ago. Youth has a history of risky sexual behaviors and substance use. Youth has befriended an older male (over 18) who buys her presents and controls her contact with family. He frequently hosts parties and expects her to be there every time. Youth frequently stays out all night and does not tell her family where she goes or whom she is with.