CT Level of Need Assessment and Screening Tool

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Level Of Need Assessment

Used to:

Identify potential risks that could affect the health and safety of comprehensive Individual Plan to address potential risks the individual, and support the development of a

assist the individual in actualizing personal preferences and Identify areas of support that may need to be addressed to

Determine an individual's need for supports in an equitable and consistent manner for the purposes of allocating DDS

Other assessments should be used to provide information for The LON does not take the place of other assessments! the completion of the LON.

When to do a LON

- Before the initial plan
- When updating a LON, it MUST be cloned first to preserve the history
- Update annually
- Update as needed to reflect significant changes in a person's life
- Review when making a request to PRAT, and update if necessary.
- As part of the initial transition process for high school students at age 18

Domains Assessed

- Health and Medical
- PICA
- Behavior
- Psychiatric
- Criminal/Sexual senes
- Seizure
- Mobility

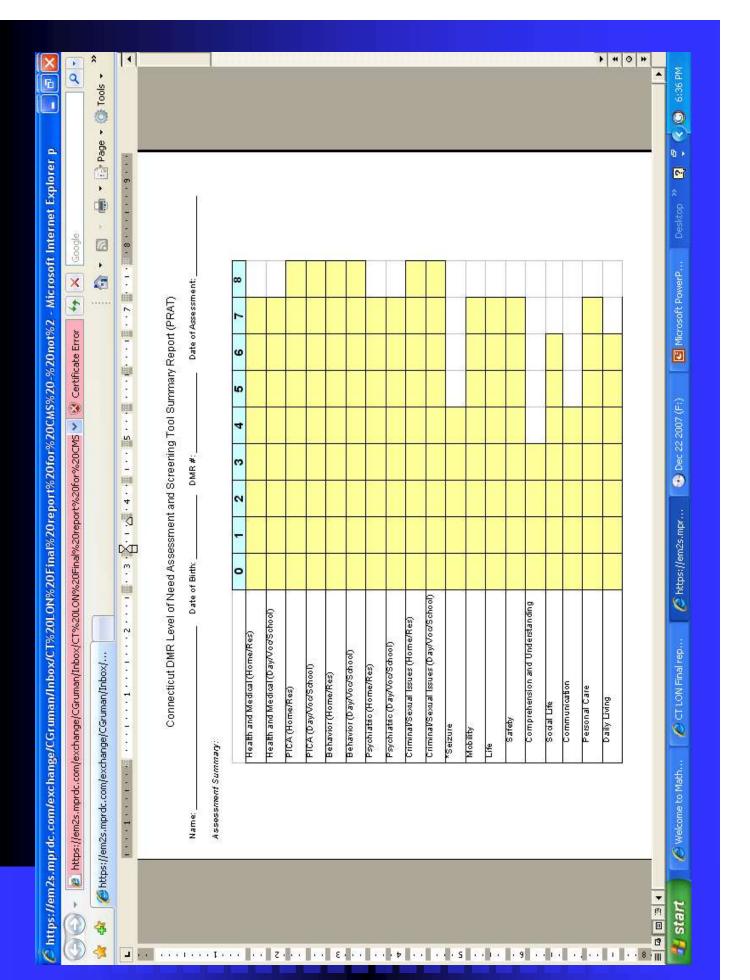
- Safety
- Comprehension and Understanding
- Social Life
- Communication
- Personal Care
- Daily Living

Changes to the original LON

- launched. Some additional questions were added and a new scoring calculation that improved the accuracy of the Health and July, 2008 the web-based LON was Medical domain was put into effect.
- calculation were planned for implementation Additional improvements to the scoring at a future date.
- scoring calculation were put into effect and all In April, 2009 the planned changes in the LONs in the system were recalculated.

LON Scores

- relative strengths and weaknesses in each area. The scores from all of the domains are used to calculate a Scores for each of the domains show the individual's composite score for the individual.
- Scores on the LON range from 0-8.
- Scores of 0 represent the greatest level of skill in an area. Every increase in score represents an increased need for support in that area.
- Each domain has a maximum score and not all domains go as high as 8.



LON Scores

- People with Composite scores of 0 are not eligible to be enrolled in the DDS waivers.
- Those with a score of 1or 2 are considered to need a Minimum Level of Support.
- Those with a score of 3 or 4 are considered to need a Moderate Level of Support.
- Those with 5, 6 or 7 are considered to require a Comprehensive Level of Support.
- support needs that require an allocation based on their individual Individuals with a Composite Score of 8 are considered to have support needs.
- PRAT will base funding allocations on the behavior score or the Composite LON score, whichever is higher.

Disagreement with LON score

- accurately reflecting the person's skill level Review specific questions that may not be
- Refer to the LON Manual for guidance
- Ensure that all pertinent information has been considered when answering each question
- If concerns still exist request review by Review the LON with your CM Supervisor a Regional LON Liaison

Helpful Information

LON Assessment Tool

www.ct.gov/dds/lib/dds/forms/lon/ctlon.pdf

LON Manual

www.ct.gov/dds/lib/dds/forms/lon/ct_lon_manual.pdf

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