CT Level of Need Assesssment and Screening Tool

Level Of Need Assessment

Used to:

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

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

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

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

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Domains Assessed

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

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

Changes to the original LON

- July, 2008 the web-based LON was launched. Some additional questions were added and a new scoring calculation that improved the accuracy of the Health and Medical domain was put into effect.

- Additional improvements to the scoring calculation were planned for implementation at a future date.

- In April, 2009 the planned changes in the scoring calculation were put into effect and all LONs in the system were recalculated.

LON Scores

- Scores for each of the domains show the individual's relative strengths and weaknesses in each area. The scores from all of the domains are used to calculate a 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.

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Connecticut DMR Level of Need Assessment and Screening Tool Summary Report (PRAT)

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ DMR #: _____ Date of Assessment: _____

Assessment Summary:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Health and Medical (Home/Res)									
Health and Medical (Day/Voc/School)									
PICA (Home/Res)									
PICA (Day/Voc/School)									
Behavior (Home/Res)									
Behavior (Day/Voc/School)									
Psychiatric (Home/Res)									
Psychiatric (Day/Voc/School)									
Criminal/Sexual Issues (Home/Res)									
Criminal/Sexual Issues (Day/Voc/School)									
*Seizure									
Mobility									
Life									
Safety									
Comprehension and Understanding									
Social Life									
Communication									
Personal Care									
Daily Living									

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.

- Individuals with a Composite Score of 8 are considered to have support needs that require an allocation based on their individual support needs.

- PRAT will base funding allocations on the behavior score or the Composite LON score, whichever is higher.

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Disagreement with LON score

1. Review specific questions that may not be accurately reflecting the person's skill level

2. Refer to the LON Manual for guidance

3. Ensure that all pertinent information has been considered when answering each question

4. Review the LON with your CM Supervisor

   If concerns still exist request review by 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