

FAMILY ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT TOOL (FAST)

The Family Advocacy and Support Tool (FAST) is the family version of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS). The West Virginia FAST is used to address the needs of families who are at risk of child welfare involvement. Interventions can be directed at the family, the individual needs of family members or the relationships within the family. The FAST includes ratings of the Family Together, each Caregiver, and all children and youth.

Unlike the CANS, the FAST has only one action-level framework for its items.

0 - No evidence of a need, this may be a strength

1 - Watchful waiting/prevention

2- Action

3- Immediate or intensive action (dangerous or disabling) and should be addressed in the Intervention Service Plan

* Denotes Safety Item

SECTION I

THE FAMILY TOGETHER	FAMILY SCORE	JUSTIFICATION
1. Financial Resources		
2. Residential Stability		
3. Physical Condition of Home / Home Environment*		
4. Family Conflict *		

SECTION II

CAREGIVERS (Primary = Caregiver 1)	NAME CAREGIVER 1	NAME CAREGIVER 2	NAME CAREGIVER 3	NAME CAREGIVER 4	JUSTIFICATION
	SCORE CG 1	SCORE CG 2	SCORE CG 3	SCORE CG 4	
5. Adjustment to Trauma Experiences					
6. Physical Health					
7. Developmental *					
8. Mental Health *					
9. Substance Use *					
10. Criminal Activity *					
11. Supervision *					
12. Discipline					
13. Involvement in Caregiving Functions					

14. Knowledge of Youth and Family Needs *						
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SECTION III

YOUTH (Oldest to Youngest)	NAME CHILD/ YOUTH 1	NAME CHILD/ YOUTH 2	NAME CHILD/ YOUTH 3	NAME CHILD/ YOUTH 4	NAME CHILD/ YOUTH 5	NAME CHILD/ YOUTH 6	JUSTIFICATION
15. Sexual Abuse Status *							
16. Physical Abuse Status *							
17. Emotional Abuse *							
18. Neglect *							
19. Traumatic Grief							
20. Witness to Family, School, and/or Community Violence							
21. Relationship with primary Caregiver							
22. Education							
23. Physical Health							
24. Developmental							
25. Mental Health							
26. Substance Use							
27. High Risk Behavior *							
28. Trafficking *							
29. Delinquency / Criminal Behavior *							
30. Frequency of Running*							
31. Peer Influences							
32. Partner Relations*							