Integrated Practice CANS FAQ

MHRS Authority and Quality Improvement Services (AQIS) is compiling a list of questions received and imagined during the implementation of the Integrated Practice Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (IP-CANS). If you have additional questions, please contact Andrew Parker at 714-834-3172 or AParker@ochca.com.

1. **Do I need to certify in the Integrated Practice CANS right away?**
    a. No. Your certification in the California CANS 50 1.0 is sufficient. Plan on certifying in the IP-CANS after your current certification expires.
    b. New staff will need to certify in the IP-CANS. Supporting documentation on this process has been published.
    c. This includes staff who recertified recently! The Praed Foundation has been crediting recently used coupon codes back, so staff should be able to use a new code to view the new training materials.

2. **How do I get trained in the IP-CANS?**
    a. Training materials are available on the Praed Foundation's training website via a new Bundle and coupon code.
    b. Certified Trainers and other staff have been briefed on the IP-CANS to help answer questions while we launch.
    c. Consult the IP-CANS Manual and use your skills cultivated in administering the CANS 50 1.0 for the new items.
    d. Additional trainings and guidance are available! Reach out to Andrew for information.
    e. Consult the updated Website Sign-Up Guide and Recertification Guide for more information on this process.

3. **We have never trained on the Integrated Practice CANS! Are we expected to know how to administer this version?**
    a. Per the Praed Foundation, our certification vendor and creators of the CANS, if you are certified in one CANS tool, you are certified to administer all of them.
    b. Training approaches and materials are in development and will be distributed through Certified Trainers and others
    c. Use your skills cultivated using the CANS 50 1.0 to interpret the new modules, and consult the IP-CANS Manual.

4. **What are the client age ranges for the IP-CANS?**
    a. IP-CANS completion is required for clients age 6 through age 20. Once the client turns 21, CANS is no longer required.
    b. Use of the Early Childhood Module is for clients aged 0 through 5.
        i. Once a client turns age 6, discontinue the use of the Early Childhood Module and begin with the standard IP-CANS.
            1. Chart an Initial CANS as your first CANS when the client turns age 6.

5. **How will data entry on the IP-CANS work?**
   a. Data entry will be similar compared to the previous Powerform.
   b. Our IRIS system is live with the new form, and can be found in the same place as the old one in the IRIS Powerchart system.

6. **We have CANS forms administered on March 31st, 2022 or earlier. How do we enter these into IRIS after April 1st, 2022? We no longer have the old Powerform, and there are new required fields.**

   a. For the standard fifty questions, enter the same as before.
   b. For the twelve Trauma questions, answer "No" for each item.
   c. Ensure that the "Performed-On Date" is adjusted appropriately to reflect a date of March 31st, 2022 or earlier.
      i. We will be able to filter out the twelve Trauma questions easily using the Performed-On Date as long as it is accurate!

7. **What do we do with multiple Caregivers? Integrated Practice CANS has individual sections for each caregiver.**
   a. Previously, with the California CANS 50 1.0, we only had one Caregiver section at the end comprised of questions 41-50.
   b. Going forward, should you have multiple caregivers involved in the client's case, you should assess and rate each caregiver separately!
   c. Data submission to the State will continue as before.
      i. Keep each Caregiver consistent across successive CANS.
      ii. For example, you complete an Initial CANS with client's mother and father involved in treatment. You fill out mother for questions 41-50a, and father for section 41-50b. Keep this consistent for subsequent CANS!
      iii. Should a caregiver not be involved in care for a subsequent CANS, make note of this in your progress note.
      iv. Apply the same system to the Early Childhood Module and any Caregivers involved

8. **How do we know how the twelve trauma questions on the Integrated Practice CANS work? We have never used this before.**
   a. We have a manual for the Integrated Practice CANS!
   b. You can find a copy on the CANS support website.

9. **Where can I get copies of the IP-CANS, the new manual, etc.?**
   a. Visit the dedicated CANS support website.
   b. You can download a fillable PDF copy.

10. Are there versions of the CANS available in threshold languages?

    a. No. CANS is an outcome measurement tool created through shared understanding between clients, parents/caregivers, and both clinical and non-clinical professionals. CANS-certified staff are responsible for interpreting and completing the CANS, and this is done in English.

    b. If a translated copy of the CANS would be helpful, such as when explaining the CANS, for use in Child and Family Team Meetings, etc., please provide feedback.

11. A client is in custody with SSA – can we skip the Caregiver section if they are not involved in treatment?

    a. Yes, use the Skip Caregiver box.

12. A client is in a group home, and only has intermittent visits with family. Can I complete the Caregiver section?

    a. Only if the Parent/Caregiver is involved with treatment. Use your clinical judgment as to whether to engage the Parent/Caregiver.

    b. You can engage with them for subsequent CANS if the Parent/Caregiver engages in treatment at a later date.