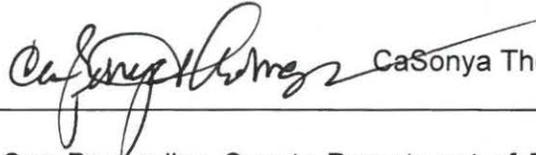


**San Bernardino County
Department of Behavioral Health**

**Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths-San Bernardino
(CANS-SB) Policy**

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Policy It is the policy of San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to utilize the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths-San Bernardino (CANS-SB) as a decision support and information management tool to support communication in a complex service delivery environment.

Definition **Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths-San Bernardino (CANS-SB)** – a comprehensive assessment used throughout San Bernardino County. The CANS-SB is a clinical tool that organizes information collected during a behavioral health assessment in a consistent manner to improve communication among those involved in planning and providing care for a child or adolescent.

CANS-SB User – an individual trained and certified for use of the CANS-SB.

Objective Arts – a secured, proprietary, web-based data collection and reporting system that allows DBH and DBH contractors to provide regular periodic assessments to measure treatment outcomes of children/youth as they participate in various mental health programs. The system includes immediate access to multiple providers, an online measurement tool, individual and collective data sharing, and the ability for users to access/monitor client information while complying with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 requirements.

Objective Arts Users – individuals possessing Objective Arts accounts with designated roles and responsibilities (see [CANS-SB website](#) for details). The Objective Arts roles consist of the following designations:

- Clinical Administrator
- Clinical Staff
- Clinic Supervisor
- Office Assistants
- Non-Clinical Administrator
- Domain Clinical Administrator
- Domain Non-Clinical Administrator

Training and Certification

All staff utilizing the CANS-SB must be trained and certified every two years.

- CANS-SB is administered by a staff (e.g., Clinician or Facilitator) who has been CANS certified according to the Praed Foundation standards.
- If staff administering the CANS-SB is not licensed or a registered intern, CANS-SB must be completed collaboratively with a clinical supervisor who has been CANS-SB certified.

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**Training and
Certification
continued**

- Line staff must rate the items at a reliability level of 0.70 in order to receive a CANS-SB certification with biannual recertification requirements.
 - Supervisory staff must rate the items at a reliability level of 0.75 in order to receive a CANS-SB certification with biannual recertification requirements.
 - CANS Certified Trainers must rate the items at a reliability level of 0.80 in order to receive a CANS-SB certification with biannual recertification requirements.
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**CANS-SB
Completion-
Timelines**

All clients aged 0-26 enrolled with one of the designated treatment programs shall have a completed CANS-SB:

- Initial CANS-SB is to be completed within the first 30 days of intake, unless the client is determined to not meet program eligibility (requiring the episode to be closed within 30 days of intake) and there is not sufficient information available to complete the CANS-SB.
 - Updated CANS-SB will be completed every three months or every six months, depending upon the nature of the program.
 - Discharge CANS-SB is to be completed at the close of service unless a scheduled CANS-SB has been completed within 30 days and there are no additional changes in the scores.
 - In no case shall a period of more than six months pass without a CANS-SB being completed on a client.
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**CANS-SB
Database Use**

CANS-SB users shall utilize Objective Arts to record and share information.

**CANS-SB
Supervision
Uses**

Clinical supervisors review and approve all completed CANS-SB assessments and monitor congruence of information across the CANS-SB, clinical records and treatment plans.

References

Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths-San Bernardino (CANS-SB) website (<http://www.sbcounty.gov/DBH/CANS/>)
Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths-San Bernardino (CANS-SB) Comprehensive/Multisystem Assessment – San Bernardino Manual

**Related Policy
and/or
Procedures**

DBH Standard Practice Manual:
• CHD0317-1: [Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths-San Bernardino \(CANS-SB\) Procedure](#)
