

## What is a CANS assessment?

The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment is a tool that gathers the child or youth and caregiver's story to understand their strengths and needs and to help decide the best ways to provide help. The CANS assessment is also used to determine eligibility for OhioRISE and assists with care coordination. A child or youth's CANS assessment will be stored in the CANS IT System and will be updated regularly to track progress and help with ongoing care planning. The CANS IT system securely stores CANS assessment data.

Once a CANS assessment is complete, it will only be seen by others when necessary to help with coordinating the young person's healthcare. Others who may view a child or youth's CANS assessment for this purpose may include:

- » A child or youth's CANS assessor.
- » A child or youth's OhioRISE care coordinator.
- » The Ohio Department of Medicaid.
- » The OhioRISE plan.
- » Molina Healthcare.
- » Members of a child or youth's OhioRISE Child and Family Team.

CANS assessments are protected by state and federal privacy laws. They will not be shared with any other entities unless required and permitted under law.

## What happens after a CANS assessment?

If a child or youth is eligible for OhioRISE, they will be enrolled in OhioRISE starting on the date the assessment is entered into Ohio's CANS IT System. If the CANS assessment shows the child or youth is not eligible for the program, a notice of denial and hearing rights will be sent to their mailing address. Once a young person is determined eligible, enrollment in OhioRISE is required because OhioRISE is the only program that offers some of the services they may need.

Children or youth enrolled in OhioRISE will receive new member materials from Aetna and a new Medicaid ID card showing OhioRISE program eligibility. Aetna is the OhioRISE managed care organization.

Children or youth will also be contacted by a care coordinator from the OhioRISE program within days of enrollment. The care coordinator will reach out to:

- » Further explain the program.
- » Determine new services that may be helpful.
- » Create an individualized plan with the child or youth and their caregiver.