

# INITIAL MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT

1. **Identifying Information** (age, gender, ethnicity, preferred language, relationship status, sexual orientation, gender identity, living arrangement): \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. **Presenting Mental Health Problem** (referral source, current symptoms, behaviors, and stressors): \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. **Mental Health History** (onset, symptoms, previous treatment – hospitalizations, providers, dates – in order): \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. **Cultural Factors** (e.g., ethnicity, immigration, acculturation, language, religion, sexual orientation, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do any cultural factors affect client's treatment?       YES     NO

If yes, describe:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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5. **Client Strengths** (e.g., skills, personality traits, intelligence, resiliency, insight, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**6. Psychosocial History:**

a. **Prenatal/Birth** (e.g., pregnancy complications, exposure to substances, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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b. **Childhood/Adolescence** (e.g., developmental milestones, attachment, separation, temperament, peer relations): \_\_\_\_\_  
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c. **Family History/Situation** (e.g., family members, financial issues, relationship issues, living arrangements, placement history, mental health, substance abuse, medical, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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d. **Social Relationships & Support** (e.g., significant others, friends, support system, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**6. Psychosocial History (cont.):**

e. Education/Vocation: (e.g., special needs, IEP, work history, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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f. Inter-Agency Involvement (e.g., DSS, JPD, DADS, conservators, criminal justice, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Medical History** (Does the individual report any of the following? Check all that apply and describe below.):

- |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head injury/stroke      | <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid problems   | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic pain (incl. location) | <input type="checkbox"/> STD                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of consciousness   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer             | <input type="checkbox"/> Enuresis/encopresis           | <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney disease          | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes           | <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart/vascular problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep disturbances | <input type="checkbox"/> Adverse reaction to meds      | <input type="checkbox"/>                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension            | <input type="checkbox"/> Appetite changes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Parasites/scabies/lice        | <input type="checkbox"/>                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liver disease           | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight changes     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy                     | <input type="checkbox"/>                      |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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No major medical conditions      Lab Results:  Not Applicable    In Medical Section    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Medications (include prescribed, over-the-counter, alternative or herbal remedies)

Medication	Dosage	Date Started	OTC (y/n)	Reported Side Effects

Are there any medication compliance/adherence issues?    YES    NO

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number of Primary Care Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ If no PCP, then referral made?    YES    NO

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8. **Substance Use History (e.g., alcohol, stimulants, sedatives, hallucinogens, nicotine, caffeine, etc.):**

Type	Date of Last Use	Amount of Last Use	Frequency and Amount of Use	Length of Time Using	Age of First Use

Treatment/Recovery History: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. **Risk Factors (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**

- | Yes  | If yes, please explain: |
|--|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homicidal/Assaultive                | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal/Self-Harm                  | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to Weapons                   | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trauma                              | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neglect/Abuse                       | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence                   | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Issues                        | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime/Gang Involvement              | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Runaway                             | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate/Risky Sexual Behavior | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Use/Abuse                 | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive Impairment                | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Isolation                  | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potential for Victimization         | _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risk of Homelessness                | _____                   |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**10. Mental Status Exam (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY):**

<b>Appearance:</b>	clean	well-groomed	disheveled	bizarre	malodorous		
<b>Motor:</b>	normal	decreased	agitated	tremors	tics	repetitive	impulsive
<b>Behavior:</b>	cooperative	evasive	uncooperative	threatening	agitated	combative	guarded
<b>Consciousness:</b>	alert	lethargic	stuporous				
<b>Orientation:</b>	person	place	time: [day	month	year]	current situation	
<b>Speech:</b>	normal	slurred	loud	pressured	slow	mute	
<b>Affect:</b>	appropriate	labile	restricted	blunted	flat	congruent	incongruent
<b>Mood:</b>	normal	depressed	anxious	euphoric	irritable	congruent	incongruent
<b>Thought Process:</b>	coherent	tangential	circumstantial	loose	paranoid	concrete	
<b>Delusions:</b>	persecutory	grandiose	referential	somatic	religious		
<b>Hallucinations:</b>	auditory	visual	olfactory	gustatory	tactile		
<b>Intellect:</b>	average	above average	below average				
<b>Memory:</b>	good	poor recent	poor remote	confabulation			
<b>Insight:</b>	good	fair	poor	limited			
<b>Judgment:</b>	good	fair	poor	unrealistic	unmotivated	uncertain	

Comments/Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**11. Medical Necessity Criteria:**

- a. Impairment (significant; probability of significant deterioration; or probability a child will not progress developmentally as individually appropriate) in a life functioning area as a result of the client's mental disorder(s):

Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Area	Brief description of impairment (if checked):
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Health</b> [e.g., physical condition, activities of daily living]	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Daily Activities</b> [e.g., work, school, leisure]	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Social Relationships</b> [e.g., significant other, family, friends, support system]	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Living Arrangement</b> [e.g., homeless, maintaining current housing situation]	

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