

**Decision Support Model based on the  
Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)**

**CHILD/YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH SCREEN**

The algorithm for a child’s Mental Health Screen shall be used to inform decisions related to seeking immediate mental health services for children in out-of-home care. For users with access to the eWiSACWIS database, the system will perform the calculations for you to arrive at the mental health screen determination of the child.

**A rating of at least one ‘2’ or ‘3’ on one of the following:**

Adjustment to Trauma	Psychosis	Suicide Risk
Traumatic Grief/Separation	Impulsive/Hyperactive	Self-Injurious Behavior
Intrusions	Depression	Other Self Harm
Attachment Difficulties	Anxiety	Exploited
Dissociation	Oppositional	Danger to Others
	Conduct	Runaway
	Anger Control	Sexual Aggression
	Substance Use	Fire Setting
	Affect Dysregulation	Intentional Misbehavior
	Behavioral Regression	Bullying
	Somatization	