

Guidance from the RSCs About Complete Referral Packets and the YASI

As Regional Service Coordinators we sometimes receive questions about the required elements of Referral Packets – particularly about required YASI documents.

Examples:

Do I need to submit a YASI with my referral packet?

If yes, which YASI is required? The Pre-Screen, the Full Assessment?

Do I submit the graphical YASI wheel? What other documents are required?

Thank you for your on-going questions which strengthen the quality of referrals and enhance our ability to match cases appropriately. The following captures a brief list of reminders about YASI requirements when submitting service referrals.

When is a risk assessment (YASI) required as part of a referral?

- A YASI is **not required** for referrals **for assessments and evaluations**.
- A YASI is **required** for referrals for **services**.
- A YASI Full Assessment (including a YASI Wheel) is required prior to requesting all services.
- For cases newly opened to probation supervision, the RSC understands that the Social History (YASI Narrative) is sometimes not available until 45 days after placement on probation. In those instances, the CSU may proceed with a referral for services, as long as the YASI interview has been completed and the YASI Results (Wheel) are included.

There are two exceptions to the above:

- 1) A Psycho-Sexual Evaluation has been completed and specifically recommends sex offender treatment. The RSC is permitted to authorize YSB (Youth with Sexualized Behavior) Services while awaiting completion and receipt of the YASI Full Assessment.
- 2) A Substance Abuse Assessment has been completed and specifically recommends substance abuse treatment. The RSC is permitted to authorize Substance Abuse Services while awaiting completion and receipt of the YASI Full Assessment.

Other Notes:

- The YASI Pre-Screen is for screening and classification purposes only and produces an overall risk score -- Low, Moderate or High, but it does not produce a need profile. The YASI Pre-Screen is not intended to inform service referral decisions or case planning.
- When a YASI is completed or updated, a copy of the YASI results should be sent to the RSC and the DSP to insure services are aligned with identified risk and needs.
- Last fall providers sub-contracted through the RSCs had the opportunity to participate in a YASI training focused on service matching and designed to improve service planning and service alignment. Special thanks to these members of the DJJ Practice Improvement Team – Stephanie Green, Patrice Gates and Angie Hiatt -- for facilitating learning events across the state!

Please reach out to your Regional Service Coordinator or to Kara Brooks (kbrooks@ebanetwork.com) or Korah Schaffert Skuce (kskuce@amikids.org) with additional questions about the referral process.