

A S S E S S M E N T

EVALUATION &

Two evaluation and assessment tools are used:

- 1) *Comprehensive Child & Adolescent Needs & Strengths* (CANS) Tool
- 2) *Exceptional Rate Assessment Scale*

All foster care staff are certified in administering the CANS Tool. Each assigned staff works with county workers to assess every child coming into the program. The CANS Tool must be completed within 30 days of placement into a foster home and each child is re-evaluated every six months.



Our program administers an Exceptional Rate Assessment that further defines each child's exceptional needs and is used, in collaboration with referring counties, to establish a level of care, rate and treatment plan.

Both assessment tools focus on the child and their individual needs and strengths. To learn more, visit the Levels of Care page on the WI Department of Children and Families website:

http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/children/foster/levels_of_care/default.htm.

