

Entering Mental Health Needs on the Behavioral Health Tab

Mental Health Needs should be **“Yes”** if the youth meets one or more of the criteria set out in the Mental Health Needs definition **at intake to capture the immediate needs of the youth.**

- **Please refer to the mental health needs definition *before* answering the mental health needs questions,** this will ensure the most accurate information is entered.
- If the youth, at intake, does not have mental health needs but is later determined to meet one of the definition criteria, this screen should be updated.
- If the youth at intake meets one definition requirement (e.g. Caution MAYSI), and is later given a diagnosis or meets a more immediate need requirement, this screen should be updated to reflect the new primary reason.

If you have selected “Yes” for mental health needs, choose the primary reason you determined the youth had current mental health needs from the drop down.

- This may change as more information becomes available and should reflect the most current reason the youth is identified as having mental health needs.

Special instructions for indicator #11:

- This is intended to capture youth who had mental health needs in the past but are now stabilized and are no longer in need of intervention.
- This serves to notify probation officers and case managers of a youth’s mental health history as it may factor into a youth’s outcomes and programming needs.

If “Yes”, indicate how & when you obtained the information identifying the youth as having mental health needs:

- **Parent** - Parent verbalized the youth met one of the Mental Health Need definition criteria
- **Youth** - Youth verbalized he met one of the Mental Health Need definition criteria
- **Clinician** - If the youth receives an assessment from a licensed clinician and receives a diagnosis or is indicated as having another “factor important for consideration” (refer to the DSM-V diagnosis list)
- **Screener/Assessment** - This should only be used if the primary indicator refers to the MAYSI or PACT
- The date the youth’s mental health needs were identified should be updated to reflect the most recent identification date and should be adjusted as the youth’s needs change.

Mental Health Needs should be **“No”** if the youth has no current mental health need and has never been identified as having a mental health need.

Mental Health Needs should be **“Unknown” *only*** if enough information does not exist to make an informed decision as to whether the youth has or has had mental health needs.