



CAFAS[®]
COMMON DATA SET
Coding Guidelines

CAFAS[®] data to be collected by
children's mental health organizations in Ontario, Canada

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As of 1st June 2006, all children's mental health agencies participating in the measurement initiative of the Ontario Government, are required to collect CAFAS data in line with the CAFAS Common Data Set outlined here.

This document includes a listing of the CAFAS Common Data Set along with coding guidelines to ensure that there is a common understanding of terms and that data is collected in a consistent manner.

These guidelines have been prepared in collaboration with members of the CAFAS Advisory Committee. It is hoped that these guidelines will provide agencies and their staff with useful support in managing the collection of their CAFAS data.

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LIST OF DATA ELEMENTS

CASE INFORMATION

- Admission Date
- Client Identification Number
- Client Last Name
- Client First Name
- Birth Date
- Sex

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- School
- Ward of the State – Child Welfare or Social Services
- Ever Placed Outside the Home? (indicate yes or no)
- Caregiver Identification
 - Caregivers in the Home (check all that apply)
- Guardian (if different than Caregiver)
 - Relationship to Youth (check all that apply)

YOUTH DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION

- Does Youth Have a Substance Abuse Disorder?
- Does Youth Have a Developmental Disability?
- Does Youth Have a Chronic Medical Illness?
(other than psychiatric or substance use)

CAFAS EVALUATION INFORMATION

Rating Period Information

- Assessment Date
- CAFAS Administration (T1 or T14)
- Time Period Rated for CAFAS (last 1 month)
- Rater ID
- Information Sources (check all the options that apply)

List of Data Elements continued /

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LIST OF DATA ELEMENTS - continued

RATE CAFAS SUBSCALES

Youth Subscales

- School/Work
- Home
- Community
- Behavior Towards Others
- Moods/Emotions
- Self-Harmful Behavior
- Substance Use
- Thinking

Caregiver Subscales

- Material Needs
- Family/Social Support

SERVICE DELIVERY INFORMATION

Living Arrangements and/or Placements

- Youth's Living Arrangements and/or Residential Placements Since Last Rating

Services Provided

- Non-residential Services Received Since Last Rating:
(check all that apply)
 - Outpatient or Clinic Services:
 - Intensive Community-Based Services:
- Agencies Providing Services During Rating Period

CLOSE EPISODE

- Date Closed
- Was treatment/service delivered?
- Are additional services needed for this youth?

The **Client Information and Background** screen should be completed at T1 at the time of the client's entry to active service when the client's CAFAS file is opened.

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Client Identification and Background



Admission Date:

Admission Date should be the **date of entry to active service**

Today

Clear



Client Identification Number:

3456

(Required)

Client Identification Number #2:

Use Internal Code



Last Name:

Brownley

(Required)



First Name:

Billy

Middle Name:



Birthdate:

04/24/1990

Choose Date

(Required)

Clear

Age: 15



Sex:

Male Female Unreported

Continue below to enter more background information or, if you are ready to rate a CAFAS now, click [here](#).

Background Information


- [Youth Information](#)
- [Caregiver Identification/Guardian \(if different\)](#)

- Sign
- Other
- French

 [School >>](#)

Check grade level at school on entry to active service.

- Kindergarten 9th
- 1st 10th
- 2nd 11th
- 3rd 12th
- 4th Completed HS or GED
- 5th Dropped Out
- 6th Ungraded School
- 7th Other
- 8th Unknown

 [Ward of State - Child Welfare or Social Services? >>](#)


Check 'Yes' if child is in the protection of CAS/CCAS. Include temporary custody agreements.

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

[Ward of State - Court or Juvenile Services? >>](#)

- Yes
- No

- No
- Unknown

 Ever placed outside of home? (e.g. foster care, corrections, RTC) >>

- Yes

If yes:

How many times:

Date of last placement:

If yes, please indicate where placed (Check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Crisis Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Home | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Therapeutic Foster Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |

- No
- Unknown

Ever involved with Juvenile Justice? >>

- Yes

Check 'Yes' or 'No'

Unknown

 **Caregiver Identification** [Next Section](#)

Caregiver(s) in the home (Check all that apply) >>

- Mother Figure
 - Biological or Adoptive Mother
 - Stepmother
 - Father's "live-in" partner
 - Grandmother
 - Other Relative
- Father Figure
 - Biological or Adoptive Father
 - Stepfather
 - Mother's "live-in" partner
 - Grandfather
 - Other Relative
- Foster Parent(s)
- Staff in out-of-home placement
- Unknown
- Other

Check **ALL** that apply –
Mother Figure and/or Father Figure
Foster Parent(s)
Staff in out-of-home placement

Work Phone: _____

 **Guardian (if different than caregiver)**

Relationship to youth (Check all that apply) >>

- Mother Figure
 - Biological or Adoptive Mother
 - Stepmother
 - Father's "live-in" partner
 - Grandmother
 - Other Relative
- Father Figure
 - Biological or Adoptive Father
 - Stepfather
 - Mother's "live-in" partner
 - Grandfather
 - Other Relative
- Foster Parent(s)
- Staff in out-of-home placement
- Unknown
- Other

Notified of Followup Assessment? >>

- Yes

Do not rate.

Complete this section **ONLY** if legal guardian is someone other than caregiver, eg. youth lives with grandmother, grandmother is caregiver in the home, but biological father is legal guardian.

AXIS V: Global Assessment of Functioning Scale >>

Do not rate.


Score:

- Last 1 Month
- Last 3 Months
- Other
- Months


Is Youth's Treatment due to Situational Trauma? >>

Do not rate.


- Yes
- No
- Unknown

 Does Youth have a Substance Abuse Disorder Diagnosis? >>

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

 Does Youth have a Developmental Disability? >>

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

 Does Youth have a Chronic Medical Illness (Other than Psychiatric or Substance Use)?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

ONLY check "yes" if a formal diagnosis of the condition has been made through the appropriate (specialized) assessment.

If you are ready to rate a CAFAS click [here](#).

The **Service Delivery Information** screen should be completed at **T14** on exit from active treatment when the client file is closed.

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Service Delivery Information

- [Living Arrangements and/or Placements](#)
- [Services Provided](#)
- [Service Dependency \(Mitigating Factors\)](#)
- [Functioning Information](#)

Please note that "no" is the answer endorsed by default for several sections on this page only. Please change the endorsement to "yes" where appropriate.

Living Arrangements and/or Placements [Next Section](#)

Youth's Living Arrangements and/or Residential Placements Since the Last Rating: >>

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY - Enter Number of days if box appears to the right.

- Family Home (Parent or Guardian)
- Private Home with Relatives
- Private Home with Friends (Non-relatives)
- School Dormitory
- Supervised Independent Living
- Family Emergency Shelter
- Regular Foster Home days
- Therapeutic Foster Home days
- Special Needs Foster Home days
- Youth Crisis Residential days
- Residential Treatment Center days

Check all that apply while the child was receiving treatment – **since T1**.

Clarification of selected terms used in this section is provided on the following pages.



Living Arrangements and/or Placements [Next Section](#)

Youth's Living Arrangements and/or Residential Placements Since the Last Rating: [>>](#)

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY - Enter Number of days if box appears to the right.

- Family Home (Parent or Guardian)
- Private Home with Relatives
- Private Home with Friends (Non-relatives)

Note: Number of days not required here

School Dormitory

Boarding School

Supervised Independent Living

CAS programs for adolescents in independent living – not transition homes with staff.

Family Emergency Shelter

Any family shelter, youth shelter.
_____ days

Regular Foster Home

Therapeutic Foster Home

Also Therapeutic Family Home, a living arrangement **and** a therapeutic service; foster **treatment**, not **care**.
_____ days

Special Needs Foster Home

Clients with primary developmental disabilities with behavioural problems receiving foster care.
_____ days

Youth Crisis Residential

Residential Treatment Center

Treatment centre with residential beds.
_____ days

Psychiatric Group Home

Group home for children and youth with mental health needs
_____ days

Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation Center

Drug/Alcohol Rehabilitation Center | | days

State Psychiatric Inpatient

Residential treatment in hospital,
secure or not.

-- Was this Re-Hospitalization?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

Youth's Living Arrangements and/or Placements continued... [>>](#)

Other Psychiatric Inpatient

Do not rate.

-- Was this Re-Hospitalization?

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

Open Youth Correctional Facility

Open correctional custody.

Closed Youth Correctional Facility

Secure correctional custody.

Living Independently

Homeless/Sheltered

Unknown

Other days

Other days

IMPORTANT : Nonresidential Services Received This Treatment Episode
Include all psychological/counseling services provided by your agency as well as those provided by other programs in the community.



Nonresidential Services Received Since the Last Rating... >>

Yes No

Emergency/Crisis Services — All emergency/crisis services, including hospitals.

Early Intervention or Prevention — Child received formal early intervention or prevention services.

Yes No **Outpatient or Clinic Services:** >>

Intake or Screening — Check 'Yes' if a BCFPI or mental health intake or screening has been done – must be associated with this treatment episode

Evaluation, Assessment, or Diagnosis — Check 'Yes', even if done prior to T1 – must be associated with this treatment episode.

Medication Monitoring — By a medical professional, ie. psychiatrist, physician or nurse.

Individual Therapy — Child or adolescent received individual therapy.

Group Therapy — Child or adolescent received group therapy.

Family, Parental, Marital Therapy — Include parent counseling and parenting groups.

Alcohol, Drug Counseling — Child or adolescent received substance abuse counseling.

Alcohol, Drug Counseling

Other Outpatient Services

Yes No **Intensive Community-Based Services:** >>

Partial Hospitalization — Day program in a hospital setting.

Other Day Programs — Day program in a mental health setting, Sect 20 classroom.

Home-Based Services — Any home-based service.

Wraparound Services

Respite Services

Crisis Stabilization Team — Crisis services provided by a community mental health centre.

Other Intensive Services

Unknown

None



Agencies Providing Services during Rating Period ... >>

Check all agencies providing services to your client during their time with your centre this treatment episode.



Agencies Providing Services during Rating Period ... >>

Yes No

Mental Health — Check 'Yes' for all your clients.

Special Education — If 'Yes', check one below.

If yes, what type of special education?

Special school — Section 20, regardless of location.

Full day class — Full-day behavioural or learning disabled.

Part day class — Part-day behavioural or learning disabled.

Resource room — Selective withdrawal for reading, math etc.

In-home tutor — Special education in-home tutoring, not home-schooling.

Mainstream with assistance — CYW or EA in regular classroom.

Other


Unknown

- Social Services, child welfare — Child Welfare or Family Services.
- Court, Police, Juvenile Justice — Youth justice or legal system involvement due to client's behaviour – not custody disputes.
- Public Health — Public health services provided specifically to the child or youth.
- Other Medical Services — Medical services directly related to client's presenting problem.
- Substance Use/Abuse Services — Specialized substance abuse services outside the agency.
- Job Training
- Other
- Unknown

Has the Youth been on Psychiatric Medication? >>

The **Close Episode** screen should be completed at **T14** on exit from active service when the client file is closed.


Close Episode


 Date Closed: >>

Date Closed should be the **date of exit from active service** - the same date as the Evaluation Date for the T14 or Exit CAFAS

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 Was treatment/service delivered?

No treatment attempted >>

Reason for no Treatment

- No treatment needed
- No show
- Withdrew
- Referred to other service
- Evaluation only
- Other
- Unknown

Treatment interrupted >>

Reason Service was Interrupted:

- Quit prematurely
- Moved
- Deceased
- Needs changed

- Moved
- Therapist could not continue
- Became ineligible
- A...
- Needs changed
- Unknown
- Other

Treatment was accomplished >


Check here if you discharged the client.

How successful was treatment in addressing identified problems/goals?

- Successful
- Partially Successful
- Little success

Complete this section to reflect your subjective Impressions of the success of treatment.

- Other >>
- Unknown >>

 Are additional services needed for this youth?

- No, not required >>
- Yes, needs more >>

Outcome of recommendation for more service:

- 1 - Refused service
- 2 - Transferred within agency
- 3 - Transferred out
- 4 - Services not available

- Other >>
- Unknown