Comprehensive Adolescent Severity Inventory (CASI)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The CASI is a comprehensive, semi-structured, clinical assessment and outcomes interview. It is comprised of 10 independent modules, each incorporating objective, focused, and concrete questions. Modules include health, family, stressful life events, legal status, sexual behavior, AOD use, mental health functioning, peer relationships, education, and use of free time. Questions are formatted to identify whether certain behaviors have ever occurred regularly, how old the adolescent was when they first occurred regularly, and whether they occurred regularly during the past year (past month and other 11 months). Each module assesses whether the adolescent acknowledges the presence of problems and obtains his/her rating of discomfort. The CASI also includes questions designed to assess the strength-base of the youth.

TARGET POPULATION

- Adults
- Adolescents (over 16 years)

Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful?

Adolescents suspected of AOD involvement and related problems

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Number of items: Depends
Number of subscales: 10 modules

Format(s): □ Pencil-and-paper self-administered
         ✗ Interview
         □ Observation
         □ Computer self-administered
         □ Other (describe) Computer administered by interviewer

Time required for administration: 45 to 90 minutes
Administered by: Professional
Training required for administration? ✗ yes □ no
Comments: 2-day training
SCORING

Time required to score/interpret: 15 minutes
Scored by: Administrator
Scoring key? ☒ yes ☐ no
Computerized scoring or interpretation available? ☐ yes ☒ no
Norms available? ☒ yes ☐ no
Instrument normed on subgroups? ☒ yes ☐ no
Which groups? By age, gender, and ethnicity

PSYCHOMETRICS

Have reliability studies been done? ☒ yes ☐ no
What measure(s) of reliability was used?
☒ Test-retest
☐ Split half
☒ Internal consistency
Have validity studies been done? ☒ yes ☐ no
What measures of validity have been derived?
☒ Content
☒ Criterion (predictive, concurrent, “postdictive”)
☐ Construct

CLINICAL UTILITY OF INSTRUMENT

Assess substance use, substance abuse and dependence symptoms, and related problems. Assists with referral and treatment decisions.

RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

Problem identification and for monitoring treatment outcome.

SOURCE, COST AND COPYRIGHT ISSUES

Copyright: ☒ yes ☐ no
Cost: Pencil-and-paper version is free of charge, but the 2-day training session is $2,000; contact System Measures for the cost of the computer program.
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