

**AMERICAN ACADEMY
OF
CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY**

**CHILD AND ADOLESCENT SERVICE INTENSITY (CASII)
TRAININGS AND MANUALS**

The AACAP's Work Group on Community Systems of Care developed the Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII). Our organization formerly called this instrument the Child and Adolescent Utilization System (CALOCUS). Due to trademark concerns, the name has been changed. The CASII is a tool to determine the appropriate level of care placement for a child or adolescent. The CASII links a clinical assessment with standardized "levels of care" and has a method for matching the two. The method consists of quantifying the clinical severity and service needs on six dimensions (eight ratings) that are standardized using anchor points. The ratings are quantified in order to convey information easily, but also provide a spectrum along which a child/adolescent may lie on any given dimension. This allows for a broad range of users to employ the CASII.

This can be done for any child/adolescent in any setting regardless of diagnosis or the system the child is involved with. The instrument also considers three distinct types of disorder: psychiatric disorders, substance use disorders, or developmental disorders (including autism and mental retardation), and has the ability to integrate these as overlapping clinical issues. Once the dimensional ratings are done, the scores are combined to generate a level of care recommendation. This integration of multiple dimensions is the essence of the CASII instrument. It is this that guides the user to an appropriate CASII level of care assignment.

Training: The AACAP strongly encourages training on the CASII. Reliability and validity data are reflective of official training by the AACAP members who developed the instrument. We offer two types of trainings:

User Training: A one-day training conducted in a group of no more than 35-40 clinicians. The training consists of a review of the CASII fundamentals, dimensions, service intensity ratings. The trainer will review the vignettes in the manual as well as real cases presented by the trainer and/or the clinicians being trained. Those trained by the AACAP will receive official certificates of completion. Cost: \$2,000 per day (usually max of 35 clinicians), plus travel expenses for the trainer and training manuals (see below for prices).

"Train-the-Trainer" Training: A two-day training. Prior to the training, the training site selects 5-6 clinicians who will assist with training on Day 2. These individuals must be: senior, experienced clinicians who have training/teaching and/or clinical supervisory

experience*. They are required to read and rate the manual cases ahead of the training session. The first day of trainings is the same as the “user training” explained above. The second day will include another group of clinicians, plus the 5-6 “trainees” from the first day who will assist the AACAP trainer during this day. The group will break up into small groups to allow the “trainees” to teach other clinicians on the standardized vignettes.

Additional requirements for the trainees include:

1. After Day 1 of training, they must take a post test.
2. Observation of teaching technique by AACAP trainer during Day 2
3. After Day 2, rating of a standardized vignette must meet a specific standardized score.

Cost: \$3,750 per two-day training (usually max of 35 clinicians per day), plus travel expenses for the trainer and training manuals (see below for prices).

* The final decision on the individual’s qualifications to train others is the judgment call of the AACAP trainer.

Manual Cost:

1-10 manuals = \$35.00 each

11-100 = \$30.00

100 or more = \$25.00 each

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