



## Memorandum

To: District, Regional and County Directors

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Re: Changes to the Casey Life Skills Assessment Starting April 11, 2022  
(Policy 13.2 Independent Living Program: Casey Life Skills)

The Casey Life Skills (CLS) has been redesigned and the process for administering the assessments will change **effective Monday, April 11, 2022**.

The CLS is a multiple-choice questionnaire that measures independent living skills in a number of functional areas for young people and supports the development of the Written Transitional Living Plan (WTLP). The CLS is designed to be used with youth in foster care between the ages of 14 and 21 and are free youth-centered self-reporting instruments that give youth and their supportive adults the opportunity to assess youth's strengths and areas for growth. The CLS assessments are not tests, but they are meant to be a conversation starter to empower young people to set their own goals, identify resources that will be helpful, and work collaboratively with supportive adults to develop and strengthen their skills.

Changes to the Casey Life Skills include the following:

1. The Casey Life Skills will no longer be an online assessment. The website is now a resource only reference site for CLS users. Therefore, the CLS toolkit must be downloaded for use on an individualized case-by-case basis. **The CLS Toolkit contains all the forms and information needed and must be downloaded from <https://www.casey.org/casey-life-skills/> and saved for completion.** There is an Excel version which is self-scoring and a PDF version that must be scored by the Social Services Case Manager.  
**NOTE: A copy of the form must be uploaded to Georgia SHINES upon completion.**
2. There are two versions of the CLS: the standard CLS tool and the short tool. In addition, there is a supplemental CLS "Support Services" assessment tool. The standard CLS tool now has **126** questions that assess **nine** functional areas: daily living, self-care, relationships and communication, housing, money management, and transportation, work and study life, career and education planning, civic engagement, navigating the child welfare system, and looking forward.
3. Casey Life Skills will no longer store historical assessments and on May 9, 2022, all historical data currently in the database will be deleted. To prepare for this change, Casey Life Skills has requested that any historical data needed be downloaded.

Policy 13.2 Independent Living Program: Casey Life Skills is being updated to incorporate these changes and will be released in the near future.

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