

CT Level of Need Assessment and Screening Tool

Level Of Need Assessment

Used to:

Determine an individual's need for supports in an equitable and consistent manner for the purposes of allocating DDS resources

Identify potential risks that could affect the health and safety of the individual, and support the development of a comprehensive Individual Plan to address potential risks

Identify areas of support that may need to be addressed to assist the individual in actualizing personal preferences and goals

Domains Assessed

- Health and Medical
- PICA
- Behavior
- Psychiatric
- Criminal/Sexual Issues
- Seizure
- Mobility
- Safety
- Comprehension and Understanding
- Social Life
- Communication
- Personal Care
- Daily Living

When to do a LON

- Before the initial plan
- Update annually
- Update as needed to reflect significant changes in a person's life
- Update when making a request to PRAT
- As part of the initial transition process for high school students at age 18

LON Scores

- Scores for each of the domains show the individual's relative strengths and weaknesses in each area. The scores from all of the domains are used to calculate a composite score for the individual.
- Scores on the LON range from 0-8.
- Scores of 0 represent the greatest level of skill in an area. Every increase in score represents an increased need for support in that area.
- Each domain has a maximum score and not all domains go as high as 8.

LON Scores

- People with Composite scores of 0 are not eligible to be enrolled in the DDS waivers.
- Those with a score of 1 or 2 are considered to need a Minimum Level of Support,
- 3 or 4 a Moderate Level of Support and
- those with 5, 6 or 7 a Comprehensive Level of Support.
- Individuals with a Composite Score of 8 are considered to have support needs that require an allocation based on their individual support needs.
- PRAT will base funding allocations on the Composite LON score.

Recent Changes to the LON

- July, 2008 the web-based LON was launched. Some additional questions were added and a new scoring calculation that improved the accuracy of the Health and Medical domain was put into effect.
- Additional improvements to the scoring calculation were planned for implementation at a future date.
- In April the planned changes in the scoring calculation were put into effect and all LONs in the system were recalculated.

Disagreement with LON score

1. Review specific questions that may not be accurately reflecting the person's skill level
2. Refer to the LON Manual for guidance
3. Ensure that all pertinent information has been considered when answering each question

**If concerns still exist request review by a
Regional Manager**