



CANS Information Sheet for Families

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) Services and Supports program is funded through the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS). This program strives to provide children and youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families with high quality, sustainable, and evidence-based care.

In order to monitor and evaluate the impact that ABA is making in the lives of children and youth with ASD and their families, the Ministry has requested that service providers use the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths – Developmental Profile – Autism Spectrum Profile (CANS[®]-DP-ASP) as one of their evaluation tools.

What is the CANS[®]-DP-ASP?

The CANS[®]-DP-ASP assists service providers in better understanding your situation and helps us build the most effective plan for you and your child. The CANS[®]-DP-ASP has been specifically developed to identify and describe the particular strengths and needs of children and youth on the Autism Spectrum, as well as their families, and helps ensure you are connected to services that may be beneficial to you and your child.

How is the CANS[®] information used?

The CANS[®]-DP-ASP information is used to help those involved in your child's care better understand your situation and take appropriate steps to refer you and your child to services. The information gathered is stored in the shared electronic record and can be accessed by members of your child's team, including ABA Services and other professionals involved in your child's care.

The information collected is shared with the BORN registry and is only accessible by relevant service providers. Confidential reports will be generated (with no names or identifying information included) and feedback will be provided to the ABA Service providers and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS). These reports will help direct current and future services for children and families with ASD. For more information on the BORN Registry, please visit <https://www.bornontario.ca>

Who can I contact for more information?

For more information on the Shared Electronic Record, please contact Michelle Biehler, Privacy Officer at the Children's Treatment Network of Simcoe/York - 1-866-377-0286 Ext. 4211

For more information on the CANS[®]-DP-ASP, you can reach the CANS Coordinators for the ABA-CANS provincial initiative by email at cans@cheo.on.ca. You can also contact your ABA service provider for more information about the CANS[®].