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NEW ADE PASS TRACKING PROGRAM

ADE Incorporated is pleased to announce the upcoming release of the new web-based PASS Tracking Program. The new PASS Tracking Program is based on the current PASS platform used by the majority of our customers.

The PASS Tracking Program complements the assessment only module of the program, allowing customers to track their clients through on-going programs, including: community corrections, probation, treatment, and non-treatment sanctions.

The PASS Tracking Program is customizable to fit the many and varied needs of our customers. Fields can be added to reflect the exact requirements of individual programs. Lists can be

customized, reflecting the actual data being collected by our customers.

The program allows for multiple instances or occurrences of activities within each client. The ability to create and track an on-going history of a client generates new possibilities for our customers.

The PASS Tracking Program also includes modules for maintaining photos, notes, and activity follow-ups for each client. The enhanced module functionality improves communication and documentation capabilities within the database and the customer program.

Visit us at: www.adeincorp.com/demo_signup.htm and request a demo of our PASS Tracking Program today.



Summer is here!
DRIVE SAFELY!



NEEDS ASSESSMENT REFRESHER COURSE

The NEEDS Assessment is an 130-question, adult, self-reported assessment designed to:

- Provide a standardized, objective and consistent method of gathering information.
- Provide enough valid information about all relevant aspects of a respondent's life to determine the first level of appropriate intervention.
- Provide valid direction for conducting the personal interview.

The NEEDS Report can be used to:

- Refer individuals directly to treatment based on the NEEDS Summary Score results
- Provide the basis for a personal interview based on test results
- Provide the necessary elements for a psycho-social history
- Provide the basis for development of treatment goals and objectives
- Reinforce or substantiate personal interview results

NEEDS MODEL

The NEEDS Survey addresses the same standard assessment issues that an assessor would focus and report on. The method employed to measure and analyze assessment issues follows the format used during a personal interview process. The NEEDS looks for patterns of respondent answers, rather than looking at single responses to support its recommendations.

The computer uses overall respondent answers to the survey, in much the same way an interviewer uses the overall impression during the interview process.

The decision rules used for arriving at the given recommendations have been evaluated and

refined on a continuous basis for more than 27 years, beginning with the SALCE evaluation. Research and user feedback continue to provide data to refine and enhance the NEEDS evaluation.

Each measure found in the NEEDS Report helps to define the respondent profile. The measures should support the final conclusions of the assessment.

It is also expected that the results will be used as a tool to assist the assessor in the assessment process. The NEEDS Report will become an extension of the assessor's personal style and technique for conducting personal interviews.

VALIDATION STUDIES

The NEEDS Survey is based upon the SALCE (Substance Abuse Life Circumstance Evaluation). The NEEDS and the SALCE have a 96% general agreement with personal interviews.

When the survey report recommendations are compared with professional assessors, there is 96% general agreement. Both the assessor and the instrument may recommend treatment, but with varying levels of intensity.

In 75% of comparisons, the SALCE recommendations and the personal interview are in exact agreement.

Reliability studies conducted at East Carolina University show no mean difference across time for SALCE Summary Scores, Test Taking Attitude and Life Circumstance Evaluation based on test-retest results.

A split half test of reliability using a Person Product-Moment correlation coefficient and the Spearman-Brown formula for predicted reliability

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shows a coefficient of 0.93.

These test-retest results indicate that the SALCE (the core of the NEEDS) is a reliable instrument.

Relationships among the MMPI-2 validity scales and SALCE were in the predicted directions.

Summary Scores were positively related to the clinical scales, and a strong correlation was found with the MacAndrew Scale. Test Taking Attitude and Life Circumstance Evaluation were positively related to L and K, and negatively related to the F scale.

Concurrent validity for the NEEDS using the Brief Symptom Inventory shows significant correlation with expected measures. The NEEDS Emotional Status Evaluation scale correlates with eight of the nine BSR scales at the .01 level of significance. Correlation with the ninth scale, Interpersonal Sensitivity, is at the .05 level of significance.

MECHANICS OF TEST ADMINISTRATION

The NEEDS Survey is written at a fifth grade reading level. Since the NEEDS is a self-reported survey, the NEEDS also includes scales for determining possible reading difficulties.

The average time to complete the NEEDS survey is 26 minutes. The NEEDS program also evaluates the length of time it takes to complete the survey. If the respondent takes an unusually long time to complete the survey, this may be an indication of a reading or comprehension concern. Individuals who finish in a very short period of time may be demonstrating a non-caring or inappropriate attitude, which could also be an attempt to cover up a reading problem.

GUIDELINES FOR USING THE NEEDS REPORT

The NEEDS Report is based upon a broad range of behaviors and attitudes. The Report focuses on

the stability of significant areas of an individual's life, as well as examining past and current patterns of behavior. The NEEDS Report can be used as an outline for diagnostic interviews, treatment plan development, or making immediate decisions for referral.

The underlying question of the NEEDS Evaluation is **“how likely is it that the person can and will change his/her behavior?”**

This question is addressed by:

- Evaluating the person's attitude—How it may contribute to the individual's inappropriate decisions and how it could impact efforts to change behavior
- Looking at the individual's patterns of past behavior as an indicator of future behavior—Are these established, learned behavior patterns?
- Does this behavior appear to be a function of acute stress arising out of life circumstances? - Issues such as substance abuse, emotional, physical or intellectual deficiencies will make behavior change very unlikely without proper assistance. Unstable relationships and employment instability can also undermine attempts to bring about behavior change.
- Does the person know how to change behavior, to make sacrifices and delay gratification for future rewards?

The NEEDS Evaluation also addresses a person's criminal history. This information is used in determining the amount of risk a person poses to him/herself and society. Inappropriate behavior may indicate a need for increased supervision.

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NEW PASS TRACKING IN BETA TESTING PHASE

ADE Incorporated's new PASS Tracking Program is currently in the beta testing phase of development. Several ADE customers are working closely with the development team to provide continuous feedback on the enhanced software functions and program applications. Through testing and on-going customer feedback, the program continues to evolve. The customizable nature allows for individual program fit also.



ADE Incorporated's PASS Tracking Program is case management software designed to provide efficient, real-time recording, helpful client monitoring, and compliant client tracking in a cost effective, easy-to-use database.

The PASS Tracking Program provides numerous benefits including:

- Coordination and unification of service delivery
- Availability of accurate data to service providers

- Real-time database functions for monitoring activity within the program
- Complete tracking of clients through entire programs
- Historical client data
- Ease of use
- Cost effective operation

The PASS Tracking Program evolved from decades of experience providing automated assessment instrument and client tracking program to criminal justice and intervention delivery systems. ADE has used this experience to build a case management system that is built on sound database design and is responsive to users' needs, while being easy-to-use, convenient and cost effective.

The ADE PASS Tracking software is one of the finest database and client tracking programs, for the price, on the market. The ability to customize fields and modules, as well as receive customer support, five days a week, makes this product a fine choice for any program with a limited budget.

Contact ADE Incorporated today at 1-800-334-1918 or email customer support at support@adeincorp.com for a demo of the new PASS Tracking Program!

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The issue of risk is also a concern when evaluating a person's needs. Substance abuse problems and emotional vulnerability can result in asocial behavior. Therefore, need deficiencies should not only be evaluated for their impact on behavior change, but on the level of risk taking behavior, as well.

The NEEDS Report makes recommendations for addressing need deficiencies. The recommendation area attempts to list the areas requiring attention, with the greatest influence on immediate behavior change listed first.

THE NEEDS REPORT

The areas addressed in the NEEDS Report are:

- Respondent Attitude (Test Taking Attitude)
- Basic Problem Solving and Reading Assessment
- Emotional Stability Assessment
- Substance Abuse Assessment
- Employment Assessment
- Personal Relationship and Support System Assessment
- Physical Health Assessment
- Educational Assessment

- Criminal History Assessment
- NEEDS Assessment
- Summary
- Specific Information

The NEEDS Report lists each need area, assigns a score reflecting the level of instability, provides a narrative explaining the score, and lists examples of critical issues identified by the individual.

In addition to a Summary section, a graphical representation of the NEEDS measures is presented. This visual allows for quick evaluation of the individual's NEEDS status.

CONCLUSION

The NEEDS Report provides a useful tool for the assessor in the interview process. Through careful review of scores and results presented by the NEEDS Report, the assessor will come to accept the tool as an extension of his/her own personal style, obtaining valuable and useful information on each of his/her clients.



ADE Incorporated is a respected provider of assessment and case management software for substance abuse programs.

ADE Incorporated is dedicated to the development and support of quality products designed to meet the evaluation, assessment, tracking and reporting needs of professionals working in the field of substance abuse evaluation and assessment.

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