

The MichiCANS

Michigan's Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Tool
Launching October 2024



What is the MichiCANS?

The MichiCANS is a collaborative tool crafted to explore and communicate the needs and strengths of your child/youth and family.

Why is the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services transitioning to the MichiCANS?

The MichiCANS is committed to amplifying the voices of young individuals and families, ensuring that their insights are acknowledged and central to the decision-making process.



When will the MichiCANS be used?

Starting in October 2024, the MichiCANS will be used when initially seeking services, as part of the screening and assessment process. Updates to the MichiCANS will occur at least annually as services continue.



How is the MichiCANS completed?

The MichiCANS is completed through a collaborative process. This allows staff to listen to the story of your child and family and apply ratings to actionable needs and strengths. Together, you and your team can prioritize action steps and track changes.



How is the MichiCANS helpful to me?

The MichiCANS ensures that the stories of your child and family are heard and valued throughout the assessment and care planning processes. It also guarantees quality screening and assessment standards across the state.



How can I learn more?

To learn more about the MichiCANS, please visit the MichiCANS webpage or the Praed Foundation website:

- Michigan.gov/MichiCANS
- PraedFoundation.org



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