

OFFENDER SCREENING – Family & Children’s Services (F&CS)
ORAS-CST OVERVIEW

For individuals facing criminal felony charges, the quicker they end up in the appropriate diversion opportunity (that best matches their supervision and treatment needs) the more likely the individual will be successful in diversion.

The F&CS Offender Screening program provides criminogenic risk, mental health, and substance abuse screenings to felony defendants to make recommendations to the court, prosecutor, and defense attorney on the best diversion option.

The Community Supervision Tool (CST) is a validated research-based tool designed to assist in both the designation of supervision level as well as to guide case management for offenders in the community. These goals are accomplished by establishing priorities based on risk factors and the likelihood of recidivism. Risk levels are classified by 7 domains, placing each offender at low, moderate or high risk to reoffended for each domain. The ORAS-CST assessment is paired with evidence based mental health and substance abuse screens. Assessment results are analyzed by F&CS certified staff which help to guide and prioritize appropriate and effective programmatic intervention as alternatives to incarceration. The assessment can be completed with individuals both in or out of custody.

Domains

Criminal History 1.0- Possible score of 8

Covers juvenile criminal history, adult criminal history, incarceration history, supervision history

Education, Employment, and Financial Situation 2.0- Possible score of 6

Covers education, school discipline, finance, employment history past and present

Family and Social Support 3.0- Possible score of 5

Covers parental criminal history, relationship fulfillment, emotional support of family and friends and stability of housing

Neighborhood Problems 4.0- Possible score of 3

Covers crime rate of neighborhood, and if drugs are readily available in immediate area

Substance Use 5.0- Possible score of 6

Covers alcohol history, longest period of abstinence from alcohol, age of illegal substances, and if illegal substances ever had a negative impact

Peer Associations 6.0- Possible score of 8

Covers criminal friends, contact with criminal peers, gang membership, and criminal activities

Criminal Attitudes 7.0- Possible score of 13

Covers criminal attitudes, concern for others, control over life issues, truthfulness, risk behaviors, and attitudes towards violence.

Male		Female	
0-14	Low	0-14	Low
15-23	Moderate	15-21	Moderate
24-35	High	22-28	High
34+	Very High	29+	Very High

**To provide optimal risk levels, males and females are given different cutoff scores to categorize risk groups.*

Supervision Recommendations for ORAS Scores

Low: Minimum supervision or non-reporting supervision

Moderate: Regular supervision, programing should be provided for moderate and high need domains

High: Enhanced supervision or residential placement, programming should be provided for moderate and high need domains

Very High: For Males: Residential Placement preferred or enhanced supervision at highest level; programming should be provided for moderate and high need domains

Very High: For Females: Enhanced supervision or residential placement; programming should be provided for moderate and high need domains.