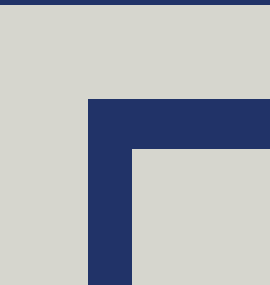


*CANS-NY Lunch & Learn: Rating Multiple Caregivers* will start momentarily.

Please feel free to start sharing questions you'd like addressed during the session in the chat box.



# CANS-NY Lunch & Learn: Rating Multiple Caregivers

Discussion and Q&A

*In collaboration with:*



# Including Multiple Caregivers

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- Multiple Live-at-home parents
- Shared Custody
- Live-at-home & Visitation Rights
- Single Parent w/ Significant Other (live-at-home or otherwise)
- Foster Care (w/ medical consent rights)
- Foster Care (LDSS custody)
- Foster Care (freed status)
- Foster Care (pre-adoption)
- Kinship Foster
- Post-Adoption
- Etc...

# Who are the Caregiver (s)?

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**Ask the Caregiver!**

**Ask the Child!**



## From the CANS-NY Manual

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“For children who live at home, any parents or parent substitutes with a significant role in the child’s life are considered caregivers that need to be rated in the CANS. In addition to the biological parent the child lives with, examples of parent substitutes or other “caregivers” may include a biological parent who does not live with the child but shares custody, a step-parent who does live with the child, or a grandparent who has custody of the child.”

## Why include multiple caregivers?

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- Different people have different strengths and needs
- Caregivers play an important role in identifying acuity
- Rating as couples presents the opportunity for the masking of needs
- Actionable items from any caregiver can be used in the acuity algorithm



Questions?

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# Foster Parents and Congregate Care

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Unique considerations when rating Caregivers in foster care situations.





# Children in Foster Care...who to include?

## If Child is in Foster Care...

Child's Residence	Permanency Goal			
	<i>Reunification</i>	<i>Live with Relative</i>	<i>Adoption</i>	<i>Another Planned Arrangement (APLA)</i>
<i>Foster Home</i>	Both Parent(s) and Foster Parent(s)	Relative(s) and Foster Parent(s)	Pre-adoptive parent(s) and /or foster parent(s)	Foster Parent(s) and, if still involved in child's care, the Parent(s)
<i>Congregate Care</i>	Parent(s)	Relative(s)	Pre-adoptive Parent or No Caregiver	No Caregiver
<i>Living independently</i>	Parent(s)	Relative(s)	Pre-adoptive Parent or No Caregiver	No Caregiver

# What to Consider When Rating Foster Parents

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Many foster parents bring to the table years of experience and lots of strengths...

...but the presence of strengths do not indicate an absence of needs.



**Foster parenting presents many challenges that can lead to actionable needs for even the most seasoned caregiver.**

# Caregiver Needs/Strengths Ratings to Consider

Item	Considerations
<b>Self-Care/Daily-Living</b>	Could the unique challenges of a foster child be interfering with daily self-care for the caregiver?
<b>Organization</b>	Is caring for a foster child presenting unique needs to a caregiver's organization which requires additional help?
<b>Supervision</b>	Does the caregiver need additional help providing supervision? This could be due to many circumstances.... Responsibilities such as job, church, elder care... child's unique behaviors.... Need to care for other children.
<b>Parenting Stress</b>	Is the caregiver seeking help and/or a break from parenting? Respite services are a form of action specifically designed to alleviate parenting stress
<b>Informal Supports</b>	In some cases, the support network for Caregivers does not stay with them in Foster Care situations.

# Questions?

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