

PECFAS[®]

Preschool and Early Childhood Functional Assessment Scale

About the PECFAS

The *Preschool and Early Childhood Functional Assessment Scale*[®] (PECFAS[®]) was developed from the *Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale* (CAFAS), an assessment backed by over 20 years of research. The PECFAS determines day-to-day functioning across critical life domains and determines whether functioning improves over time. The PECFAS can be used for children as young as 3 years old and up to 7 years of age. The overlap in age with the CAFAS (designed for youth aged 5-19) accommodates children who function more immaturely than their chronological age would suggest.

The PECFAS is widely used to inform decisions about need for services or additional specialized assessment, type and intensity of treatment, readiness for school, and specialized services needed for educational success. The assessment can be quickly completed by practitioners, based on information from routine clinical evaluation.

How the PECFAS Works

Levels of Impairment

Within each subscale, the behavioral items are grouped by severity into four columns, using a continuum of severity of impairment. Each level of severity is associated with a score.

LEVEL OF IMPAIRMENT	0	Minimal/none: No disruption in functioning.
	10	Mild: Significant problems or distress.
	20	Moderate: Major or persistent disruption.
	30	Severe: Severe disruption or incapacitation.

PECFAS Subscales

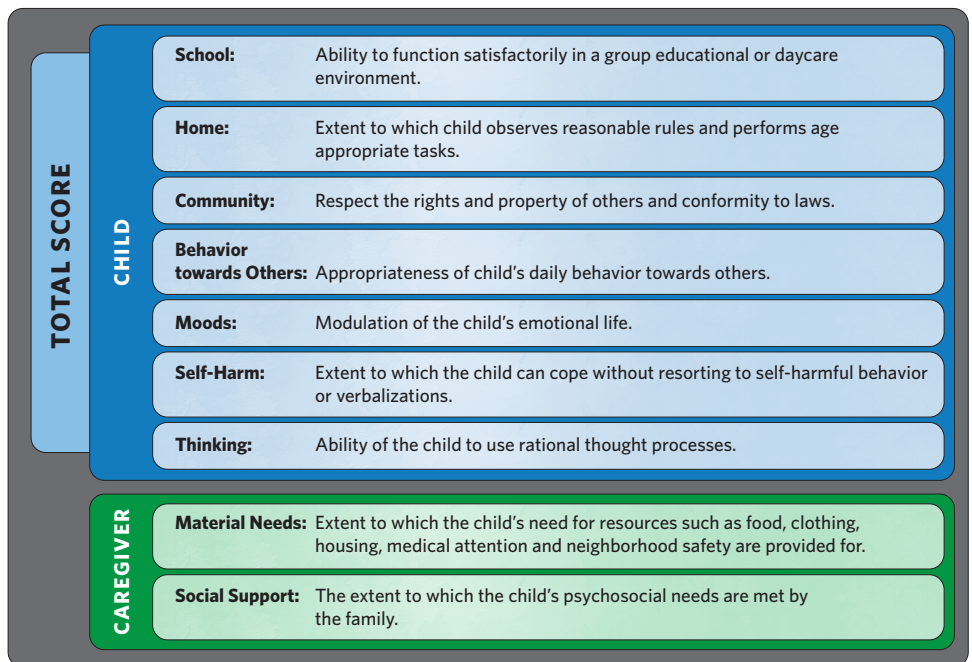
The PECFAS determines level of functioning across 7 critical life subscales assessing the child as well as two scales to assess caregiver functioning. The PECFAS yields a total score, representing the total level of dysfunction and 9 individual subscales scores that can inform the focus of treatment and aid in monitoring change in behavior over time.

Age
3-7

Administration Time
10-15 minutes

Formats
Paper
Online (FAS Outcomes)

Qualification Level
A-level



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Using the PECFAS

For each subscale the rater reads through the items at each level starting at the Severe level until he/she finds a description of the child. Once a description has been found the child is assigned the item's corresponding score for the subscale. After assigning the subscale score, the rater moves on to the next subscale.

Psychometric Data

The PECFAS is objective, has face validity and is sensitive to client change. It contains a comprehensive list of behavioral descriptors for presenting problems of young children. The PECFAS has been used with a variety of children referred for mental health services varying in type and severity of problems. It has also been used by educational programs, social services and child welfare agencies.

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