

Mind. Body. Whole.

A Holistic Approach to Assessment



Whole Child Assessment

Integrating Physical and Mental Health with Neurodevelopment, Academics, and Social Relationships

Why Take a Whole Child Approach?

If you work with children, you know how amazing—and challenging—it can be to keep up with their dynamic development. Sometimes it seems like they're growing in every direction at once. That's why a holistic approach to psychological and educational evaluations is vital.

Yes, it's useful to gather single-domain data—such as pinpointing a clinical diagnosis or evaluating academic performance—but it's so much more important to understand the whole child in context.

What is whole child assessment? It's a strategy that integrates information about a child's background, neurodevelopment, physical and emotional health, academics, daily functioning, and social relationships.

But...wait. Doesn't a comprehensive strategy like that take more time? The short answer is yes. But on balance, a whole child approach likely saves time. Here's why.

Siloed assessments address a single piece of complex puzzle. Holistic assessment, on the other hand, yields a more complete picture right from the start, so you and your team can design an instruction and intervention sequence that:

- aligns with a child's developmental trajectories;
- follows the science of learning; and
- prioritizes a child's and family's concerns;
- sparks growth in multiple areas of a child's life.

Because when it comes to a child's development, every single day counts.

Early Development and the Whole Child

At no other time is the connection between brain and body clearer than it is during the early years of a child's life. In the first year alone, nerves in the brain create about a million new connections every second. Those circuits extend throughout the nervous system, enabling a continuous flow of information from every system in the body.

During early development, the brain and body are continuously reading and responding to the environment. A child's early experiences

build the brain's architecture, influencing developmental pathways and laying the groundwork for a lifetime of learning. Researchers have described the developmental process as "cumulative, progressive, intertwined, and cascading." They say "critical cognitive, social, and emotional learning takes place as we learn to move and move to learn" (Stodden et al, 2023).

When you adopt a whole child approach to developmental assessment, you are studying a child's sensory, motor, language, social, and emotional skills. You're also gathering information about aspects of a child's background that may have influenced development. And you're using that information to plan

Learn more: [The WPS Guide to Developmental Assessment](#)

We invite you to explore the developmental assessment tools WPS offers:

Whole child assessment aligns with the neuroscience of the brain-body connection.

Neuroplasticity—the brain's ability to grow in response to new experiences—surges throughout the school years. Each new experience forms fresh neural pathways in the brain and body. These new circuits enable new functions.

Nutrition, sleep, social interactions, learning opportunities, sensory experiences, adversity, exposure to toxins, and so many other factors alter the structure and connectivity of the brain (Fandakova & Hartley, 2020). They enhance or inhibit the body's growth and development. When you evaluate the whole child, you integrate these factors, so you can support health, well-being, and learning during periods of greater plasticity.

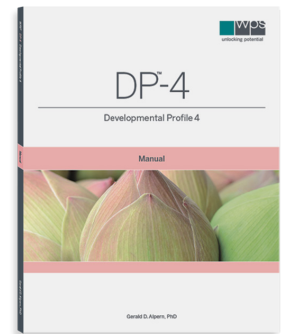
[Developmental Profile 4 \(DP™-4\)](#)

What does it do? Quickly identifies developmental strengths and weaknesses in five key areas: physical, social-emotional, adaptive behavior, cognitive, and communication; and offers suggested activities for intervention

How is it given? The examiner uses parent/caregiver interviews, parent/caregiver checklists, teacher checklists, and/or clinician rating scales.

How long does it take? 20–40 minutes

Who is it for? Children ages birth to 18; adults 18-21 years, 11 months



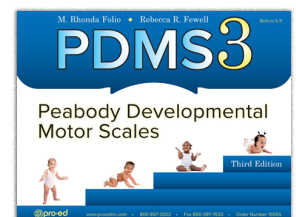
[Peabody Developmental Motor Scales, Third Edition \(PDMS-3\)](#)

What does it do? Measures the development of body control, body transport, object control, hand manipulation, and hand-eye coordination

How is it given? The examinee completes play-based motor activities

How long does it take? 60–90 minutes

Who is it for? Children ages birth to 5 years, 11 months



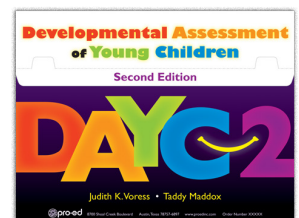
[Developmental Assessment of Young Children, Second Edition \(DAYC-2\)](#)

What does it do? Measures development in adaptive behavior, cognition, attention, memory, communication, motor skills, and social-emotional skills

How is it given? The examiner observes a child's behavior and interviews parents and caregivers

How long does it take? 10–20 minutes per subtest

Who is it for? Children ages birth to 5 years, 11 months



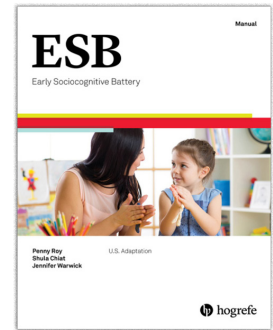
Early Sociocognitive Battery (ESB)

What does it do? Measures interpersonal engagement and understanding, including social responsiveness, joint attention, and symbolic comprehension

How is it given? The examiner systematically observes child activities

How long does it take? 15 minutes

Who is it for? Children ages 18 months to 4 years, 11 months



“Extreme or extended activation of the physiological stress response that results from early childhood adversities (e.g., extreme poverty, interpersonal, or community violence) disrupts development of brain architecture and function, neuroendocrine stress response, and immune system function; these disruptions are precursors to impairments in social and emotional behaviors and physical and mental illness over the life span.”

—(Peterson et al., 2021)

Neurodivergence and the Whole Child

As our understanding of neurodiversity grows, autism, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and other neurodevelopmental conditions are increasingly recognized as whole child experiences. When health and education professionals conduct developmental screening of infants and toddlers, they track milestones across multiple domains including communication, emotion, social interaction, movement, and behavior.

When more in-depth evaluations are needed, experts recommend a comprehensive evaluation. That’s because neurodevelopmental conditions affect multiple aspects of identity, body systems, and areas of daily functioning in highly individual ways. A holistic assessment strategy allows practitioners to balance these tasks:

- Identifying the unique constellation of features linked with a specific neurodevelopmental condition
- Determining whether co-occurring conditions are present
- Sequencing interventions to maximize benefits for families and children
- Recommending further testing to explore related health effects

A comprehensive evaluation also looks at areas of development that aren’t necessarily part of the core characteristics of neurodevelopmental conditions.

Motor Skills

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Whole child assessment allows you to look for co-occurring conditions, contributing factors, and all possible explanations.

Mind and body are not separate entities. They are part of the same individual, each influencing the other. Together, they co-create the capabilities, personality, and life experience of the child.

When a child is showing signs of a health condition or learning difference, it’s vital to explore broadly. That’s because health conditions and learning differences don’t exist in isolation. They overlap. They interact with and influence each other, creating feedback and feed-forward loops that shape a child’s growth.

For example, autism and attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) involve similar genetic and neural features—but their neurocognitive profiles differ (Schachar et al., 2023). A holistic approach allows you to determine which characteristics and behaviors are likely to be related to which condition. Instruction, supports, and interventions can then be individually tailored and sequenced.

When you evaluate the whole child, you avoid reductive labels and one-dimensional intervention plans. Instead, you consider the entirety of a child’s lived experience.

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Sensory Processing

Neurodivergent children often process sensory information differently than their peers do. Some children with ADHD, for example, may experience “sensory overload” that leads to mental fatigue and difficulty with memory and attention. Researchers think these differences in sensory processing could even affect the way the brain develops (Fabio et al., 2024). Assessing sensory processing patterns can help you identify mismatches between a child’s sensory profile and their environmental conditions.

Executive Function

Executive function is a set of skills that helps people organize and plan so they can reach their goals. It includes working memory, the ability to shift our focus from one task to another, and the ability to exercise self-control. These skills are often associated with ADHD, but executive function differences are also common in autistic children. Research shows that executive function difficulties make it especially challenging for autistic children to use basic adaptive behaviors in school (Tschida & Yerys, 2022).

When you take a whole child approach to neurodevelopmental evaluations, you can explore strengths and needs across the specific domains you and your team feel are important for a child. You can collaborate with health and education professionals, family members, and neurodiverse children to plan the interventions that matter most right now. And you can re-design the environment so it’s a better fit for the whole child.

WPS invites you to explore these options as you build a comprehensive neurodevelopmental assessment plan.

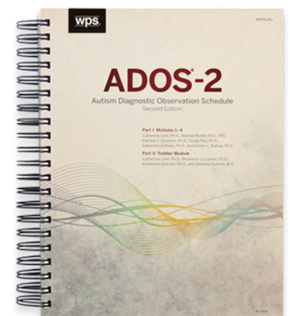
[Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule™, Second Edition \(ADOS®-2\)](#)

What does it do? Identifies characteristics consistent with autism across developmental levels; provides information about a child’s characteristics to inform intervention and education plans

How is it given? Examiner observes and codes a child’s behavior in a playful, social encounter

How long does it take? 40–60 minutes

Who is it for? Children ages 12 months to adult



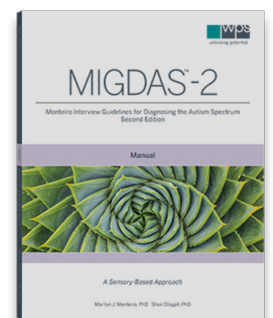
[Monteiro Interview Guidelines for Diagnosing the Autism Spectrum, Second Edition \(MIGDAS™-2\)](#)

What does it do? Identifies characteristics consistent with autism in children, teens, and adults; provides a comprehensive, strengths-based behavioral profile and guides family-friendly report-writing

How is it given? Examiner interviews parents, teachers, and individuals regarding language and communication, social relationships, emotional responses, sensory use, and interests

How long does it take? 30–90 minutes

Who is it for? Toddlers, children, teens, and adults



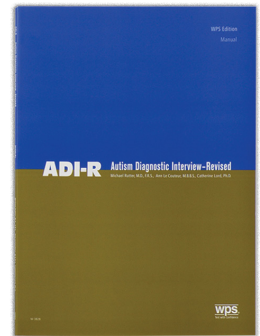
Autism Diagnostic Interview–Revised (ADI®-R)

What does it do? Identifies characteristics consistent with autism; assists in distinguishing autism from other conditions

How is it given? Examiner interviews parents and caregivers about development and behavior in three functional domains: communication, social interactions, and interests

How long does it take? 90–150 minutes

Who is it for? Ages 2 years and up



Sensory Processing Measure, Second Edition (SPM™-2)

What does it do? Provides a complete picture of sensory integration and processing across multiple environments

How is it given? Parent/caregiver, school staff, and student complete rating scales describing the student's visual, auditory, tactile, olfactory, gustatory, proprioceptive, and vestibular sensory experiences at home and school

How long does it take? 20–30 minutes for each of the 12 main forms; 10 minutes for each Environment Form

Who is it for? Children ages 4 months and older; adults to 87 years



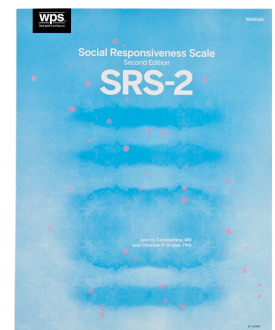
Social Responsiveness Scale, Second Edition (SRS™-2)

What does it do? Identifies social differences within the autism spectrum and differentiates it from that which occurs in other conditions

How is it given? Parents, teachers, and adult individuals complete rating scales

How long does it take? 15–20 minutes

Who is it for? Children ages 2 years, 6 months to 18 years



Social Communication Questionnaire (SCQ™)

What does it do? Evaluates communication skills and social functioning; can be used as a quick and easy autism screening tool

How is it given? Parents complete a questionnaire with 40 yes-or-no items

How long does it take? Less than 10 minutes

Who is it for? Children ages over 4 years



Behavior Rating Inventory of Executive Function, Second Edition (BRIEF-2)

What does it do? Evaluates executive function and self-regulation

How is it given? Parents, teachers, and adult individuals complete rating scales

How long does it take? 10 minutes; 5 minutes for screening version

Who is it for? Ages 5 to 18 years



“There has been a tradition of single condition guidelines and pathways. [...] A singular focus on one presenting issue leads to the potential omission of other diagnoses (and supports). People may experience repetitive and lengthy assessment, a process which individuals and families find distressing and burdensome.”

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MA child’s world can foster growth or limit it. That’s because each child’s environment contains both risk and resilience factors.

Beginning before birth, certain factors may make it more likely that a child will experience a health condition, developmental delay, or neurodevelopmental difference. A few of these factors are:

- parental health
- nutrition
- illness or injury
- birthplace
- migration history
- family income
- learning opportunities

At the same time, a child’s family, culture, and community can be sources of strength through shared values, beliefs, capabilities, and systems of support.

When you work within a whole child framework, you can gather information about the child from parents, other educators, and clinicians who have firsthand knowledge of the child in varied settings. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that when parents and school staff work together, student outcomes are better (CDC, 2019). A holistic approach also incorporates data gathered by a multidisciplinary team of professionals—leading to a more complete and actionable understanding of the child.

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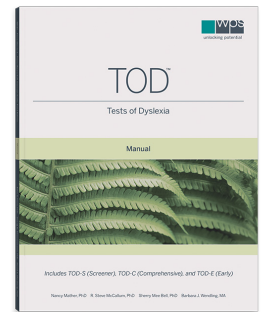
Tests of Dyslexia (TOD™)

What does it do? Helps identify dyslexia and specific learning disability in reading, provides risk and probability indexes, and includes intervention recommendations based on assessment results

How is it given? Examiners can administer TOD-S to individuals or groups; TOD-C and TOD-E are individually administered; digital or paper formats

How long does it take? TOD-S: 10–15 minutes; TOD-E: additional 20–25 minutes after TOD-S; TOD-C: additional 30–40 minutes after TOD-S to obtain DDI, LPI, and RSI with additional tests at 5–10 minutes each

Who is it for? Children from grade K through adult; ages 5 years, 0 months–89 years, 11 months



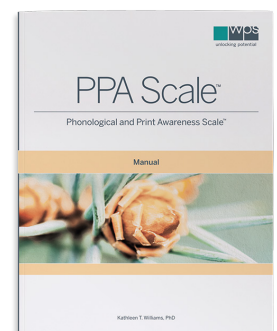
Phonological and Print Awareness Scale (PPA Scale™)

What does it do? Measures early literacy skills, specifically phonological and print awareness, and allows examiners to easily track development using growth scores

How is it given? Examiner reads items from an easel stimulus book and the examinee provides nonverbal responses

How long does it take? 10–15 minutes

Who is it for? Children ages 3 years, 6 months to 8 years, 11 months



Considering the whole child in context allows you to prioritize the child’s and the family’s concerns and to design appropriate supports regardless of a specific diagnostic outcome (Rutherford et al., 2021). And you can keep track of a child’s response over time, so supports change as a child matures.

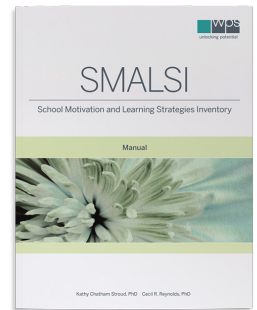
[School Motivation and Learning Strategies Inventory \(SMALSI™\)](#)

What does it do? Provides a quick, cost-effective way to identify and target learning strategies that affect academic performance

How is it given? Individuals complete a structured self-report

How long does it take? 20–30 minutes

Who is it for? Child and Teen, ages 8 to 18 years; Freshman to Graduate Level for College



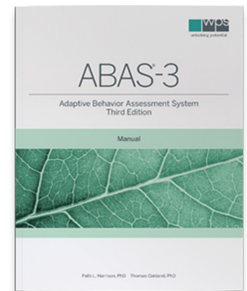
[Adaptive Behavior Assessment System, Third Edition \(ABAS®-3\)](#)

What does it do? Measures conceptual, social, and practical skills across the life span, consistent with AAIDD, DSM-5, IDEA, and RTI guidelines

How is it given? Parents, teachers, daycare providers, and adult individuals complete rating scales

How long does it take? 15–20 minutes

Who is it for? Birth through 89 years



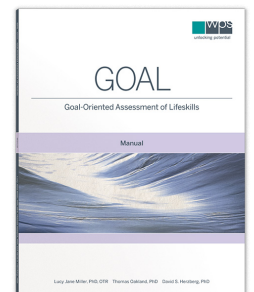
[Goal-Oriented Assessment of Lifeskills \(GOAL™\)](#)

What does it do? Evaluates functional motor skills in daily living activities

How is it given? Examinee performs 7 basic activities

How long does it take? 45–60 minutes

Who is it for? Children ages 7 to 17 years



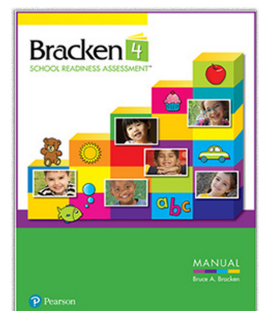
[Bracken School Readiness Assessment, Fourth Edition \(BSRA-4\)](#)

What does it do? Assesses comprehension of the concepts strongly related to early childhood cognitive and language development, school readiness, and early school achievement: colors, letters, numbers/counting, size/comparisons, shapes, and self/social awareness

How is it given? Examiner asks questions about basic concepts, and the child responds by pointing to text or pictures

How long does it take? 15–20 minutes

Who is it for? Children 3 years through 7 years, 11 months



Explore these free WPS resources:

- [The WPS Dyslexia Assessment Tool Kit](#)
- [What are the Five Components of Reading? Assessment Tips](#)

Mental Health and the Whole Child

Children are incredibly resilient.

That's an expression educators and clinicians hear all too often. For the most part, it's true. Children adapt to changing environments, marshal their resources, find creative workarounds, and rise to all sorts of challenges. Yet, a child's resilience doesn't erase the effects of coping with stress and adversity.

Toxic stress can change the brain's structure, resulting in fewer neural connections in parts of the brain related to learning. When stress levels are too high for too long, brain chemicals and genes can also change, increasing the risk of later difficulties with mental health, behavior, and learning (de Magalhães-Barbosa, et al., 2022).

For a growing number of children and teens, toxic stress also leads to anxiety and depression disorders. These statistics may give you a sense of the scope of mental health difficulties in schools today:

About 5.8 million children in the U.S. have diagnosed anxiety disorders.

About 2.7 million have been diagnosed with a depression disorder (CDC, 2023).

42% of high school children said they felt hopeless for at least two weeks during the previous year (CDC, 2022).

When anxiety and depression walk you to school every day, it's harder to concentrate in the classroom. Harder to remember instructions. Harder to be open to friendships. Anxiety and depression can also become "embodied," leading to physical effects like these:

- Sleep disturbance
- Fatigue
- Changes in appetite or weight
- Substance use
- Metabolic disorders (Morales-Muñoz et al., 2023)

Perhaps that's why in 2022 the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommended screening for anxiety in children and teens from ages 8 to 18 years. The USPSTF also recommended screening for major depressive disorder in teens from ages 12 to 18 years.

What makes a difference in a child's resilience? Lots of factors, including good sleep, healthy nutrition, physical activity, and perhaps most important, the presence of warm and supportive grown-ups (Kahhalé et al., 2023). That's where you come in. You may be able to notice signs of embodied stress, anxiety, or depression. You may be able to ask the important questions, conduct holistic assessments, and arrange the support a child needs.

WPS offers a range of tools to help you evaluate the mental health and well-being of the students in your care.

Whole child assessment empowers you to leverage strengths and resilience factors.

Identifying diagnostic criteria is an important part of any evaluation. An accurate diagnosis can be liberating and can unlock the supports a child needs. But by necessity, diagnostic criteria tend to be deficit-based. Increasingly, practitioners are recognizing the need to design interventions and supports that build on assets, rather than simply addressing deficits.

For example, when researchers interview children with ADHD, students acknowledge their classroom struggles but also say they are optimistic, energetic, and capable of intense focus. They say their personal strengths and the involvement of their families helps them to be more resilient (Charabin et al., 2023). That's just one example of the assets within and around a child. In your professional experience, you will certainly have seen many more.

When you adopt a whole child assessment practice, you can leverage a child's interests and assets in your intervention plan. Researchers in one study noted, "When interventions are informed by a strengths-based perspective, they can work to improve the well-being and resilience of children by emphasizing or capitalizing on their strengths" (Charabin et al., 2023).

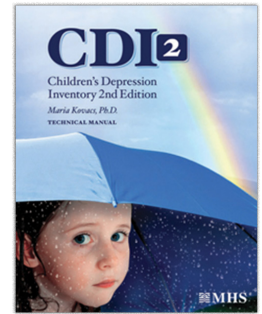
Children's Depression Inventory, Second Edition (CDI 2)

What does it do? Measures cognitive, affective, and behavioral signs of depression

How is it given? Child examinee marks a list of behaviors and feelings focused on the core aspects of childhood depression; parents or caregivers complete rating scales

How long does it take? 5–15 minutes; 5–10 minutes for Short Form

Who is it for? Children and teens ages 7 to 17 years



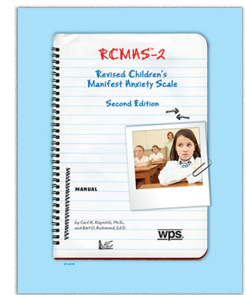
Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale, Second Edition (RCMAS™-2)

What does it do? Measures the level and nature of anxiety as children experience it

How is it given? Examinees complete self-report with simple yes-or-no responses

How long does it take? 10–15 minutes; less than 5 minutes for Short Form

Who is it for? Children and teens ages 6 to 19 years



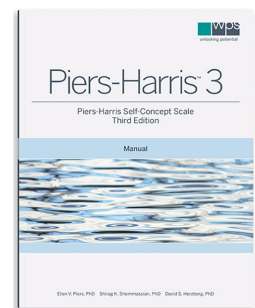
Piers-Harris Self-Concept Scale, Third Edition (Piers-Harris™ 3)

What does it do? Provides a complete picture of self-concept

How is it given? Examinee completes a self-report with a simple yes-or-no response format

How long does it take? 10–15 minutes

Who is it for? Ages 6 to 22 years



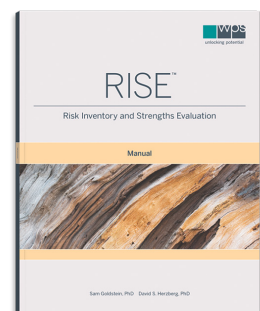
Risk Inventory and Strengths Evaluation (RISE™ Assessment)

What does it do? Measures psychological strengths and high-risk behaviors

How is it given? Parents, teachers, and individuals complete an inventory of psychological strengths and high-risk behaviors

How long does it take? 15–20 minutes

Who is it for? Ages 9 to 25 years



"I think, as a kindergarten teacher, I have a very important role... We're there, and we need to know the signs to look for to help [with the] identification of students who might be experiencing mental health struggles or emotional struggles and who might need those extra supports."

*—Kindergarten teacher
(Nygaard et al., 2023)*

Language and the Whole Child

Communication is at the heart of human experience. At a very basic level, we communicate to survive. We also communicate to learn, build relationships, and engage in the activities that sustain us.

- In early development, language delays may be one of the first indicators of a neurodevelopmental difference such as autism or social communication disorder (Khan & Leventhal, 2023).
- Delays in the early development of language are often intertwined with motor skill delays. The relationship between the two makes sense: Gestures, which are movements used with “communicative intentionality,” usually develop before spoken language skills emerge. In one study, researchers found that in 2 young children with a communication disorder also had clinical or borderline scores on gross and fine motor skills (Varuzza et al., 2023).
- Language difficulties can look like other conditions, such as dyslexia, autism, and behavioral issues. For example, a child who has trouble processing complicated verbal instructions may feel overwhelmed and frustrated, leading to disruptive behavior. While a behavioral episode may attract the attention of school leaders, addressing behavior without supporting the underlying language condition isn’t likely to improve outcomes for the child (Vermeij et al., 2021)
- Language disorders can co-occur with neurodivergence, other health conditions, and learning disabilities (Schaeffer et al., 2023).
- A close look at language abilities can help you distinguish between neurodevelopmental conditions that share some characteristics. For example, assessing pragmatic language may help you determine whether a child’s communication patterns are more consistent with autism or social communication disorder (ASHA, n.d.).
- Language access is also a matter of equity and justice. Communicating with peers, teachers, and coaches is a big part of the day for most children. For children with language conditions, assistive technologies may allow them to participate more fully in their educational opportunities. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires IEP teams to provide assistive devices and training where a child needs language access (IDEA, n.d.).

When we include language assessment in a holistic evaluation, we are also gaining valuable insights into other cognitive, emotional, and neurodevelopmental domains.

The ways people talk vary beautifully with regionality, accents, and cadence, but the importance of language itself is a constant. Language bridges mind, body, and environment—affecting just about every aspect of a child’s life experience.

WPS provides a full complement of speech and language assessments to help you capture the complex language needs of the children you serve.

Oral and Written Language Scales, Second Edition (OWLS™-II)

What does it do? Provides a complete and integrated picture of oral and written language skills across a wide age range test

How is it given? Examiner presents a variety of oral and written language tasks; Examinee speaks, points, or writes their responses depending on the scale(s) administered

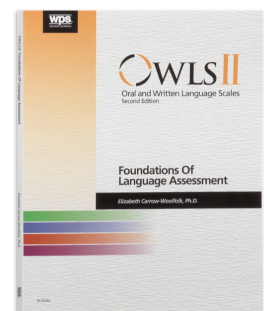
How long does it take? 10–20 minutes for Listening Comprehension Scale; 10–30 minutes for Oral Expression Scale; 10–30 minutes for Reading Comprehension Scale; 15–30 minutes for Written Expression Scale

Who is it for? Children ages 3 through 21 years for Listening Comprehension and Oral Expression Scales; 5 through 21 years for Reading Comprehension and Written Expression Scales

Whole child assessment moves us toward equity.

All children are entitled to a free and appropriate education. Yet disparities in educational outcomes and opportunities still exist for many children. Language barriers, social stigma, financial resources, and limited access to health services prevent some children from receiving the comprehensive evaluations they need.

When health and education professionals work with families and communities using a whole child approach, they can consider what additional supports and interventions are necessary to make success possible for everyone. We can “fulfill the vision that every child has access to supports that are developmentally and culturally appropriate” (Chafouleas & Iovino, 2021).



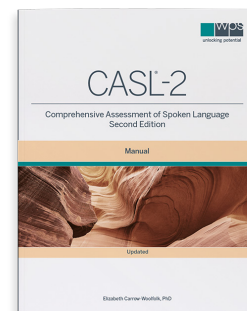
Comprehensive Assessment of Spoken Language, Second Edition (CASL®-2)

What does it do? Measures oral language processing skills, comprehension, and expression across four categories: Lexical/Semantic, Syntactic, Supralinguistic, and Pragmatic

How is it given? Examiner reads items aloud; examinee responds by speaking or pointing

How long does it take? 5–10 minutes for each test and 45 minutes for the General Language Ability Index

Who is it for? Ages 3 to 21 years



Oral Passage Understanding Scale (OPUS™)

What does it do? Assesses listening comprehension—essential for classroom learning

How is it given? Examiner reads a passage and related questions aloud from a self-standing easel; Examinee responds orally—no reading or writing required

How long does it take? 10–20 minutes

Who is it for? Ages 5 to 21 years



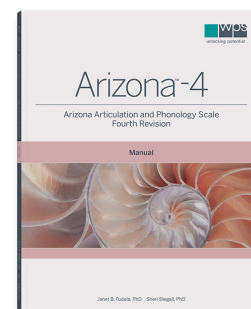
Arizona Articulation and Phonology Scale, Fourth Revision (Arizona™-4)

What does it do? Provides a quick, reliable measure of articulation and phonology to help you identify individuals who need speech sound services

How is it given? Examinee names, repeats, or reads content; examiner notes articulatory and phonological errors

How long does it take? 5–20 minutes

Who is it for? Children ages 18 months to 18 years; adults ages 18 to 21 years, 11 months



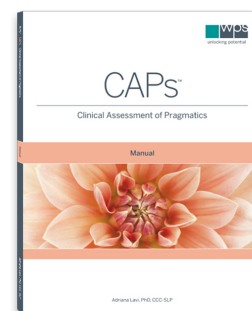
Clinical Assessment of Pragmatics (CAPs™)

What does it do? Provides comprehensive information on pragmatic language skills and social language development of children and young adults

How is it given? Student responds to digital videos of social interactions

How long does it take? 45–60 minutes for all 6 tests

Who is it for? Ages 7 to 18 years



Explore the downloadable [WPS Oral Language Tool Kit](#).

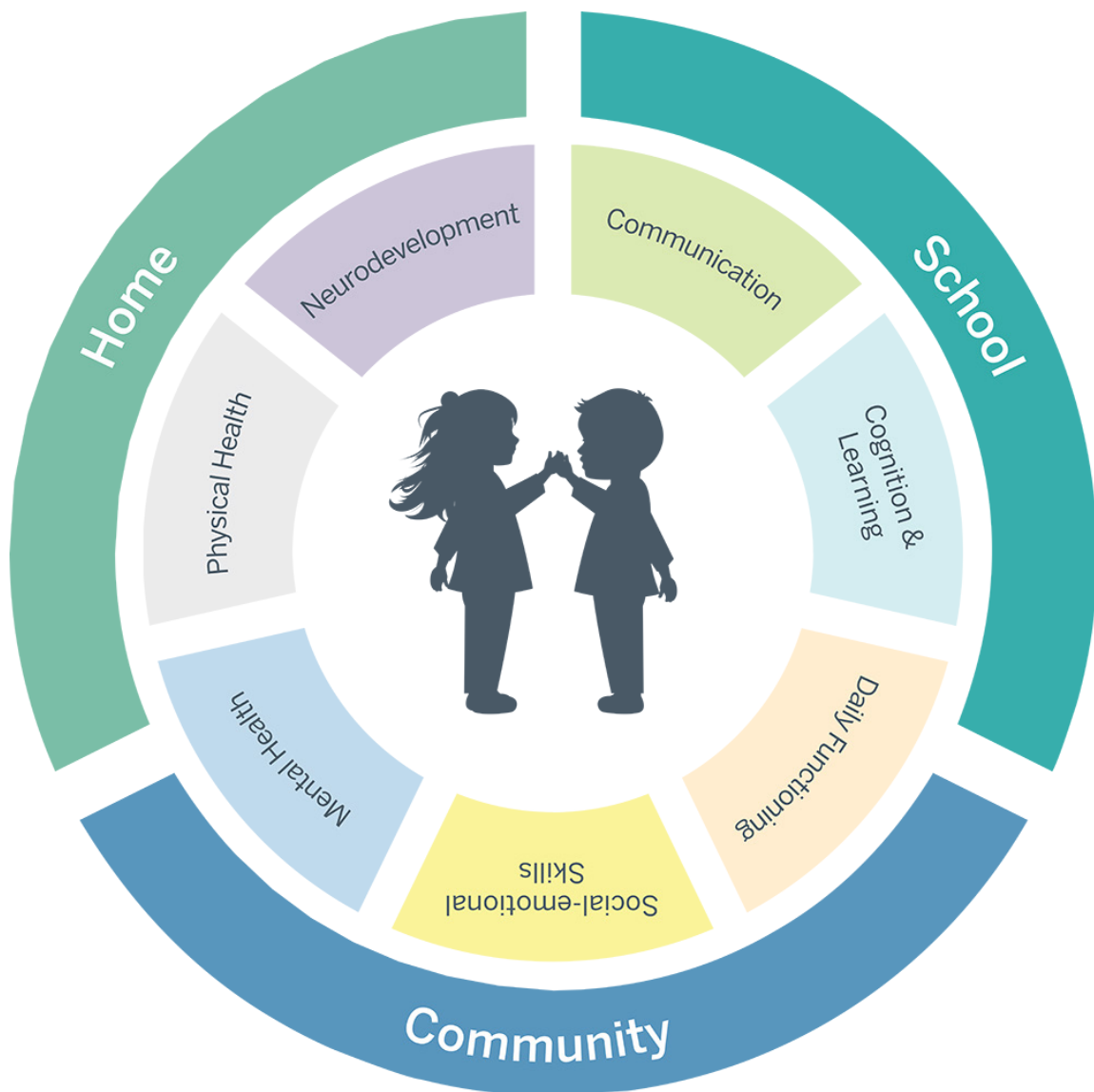


"We tend to get a lot of young people who are presenting at school with quite significant behavioral difficulties, and we tend to find that being viewed as a behavioral child, rather than a child that's got underlying language needs that have been undiagnosed."

*–Speech Language Therapist
(Hancock et al., 2023)*

Supporting the Whole Child

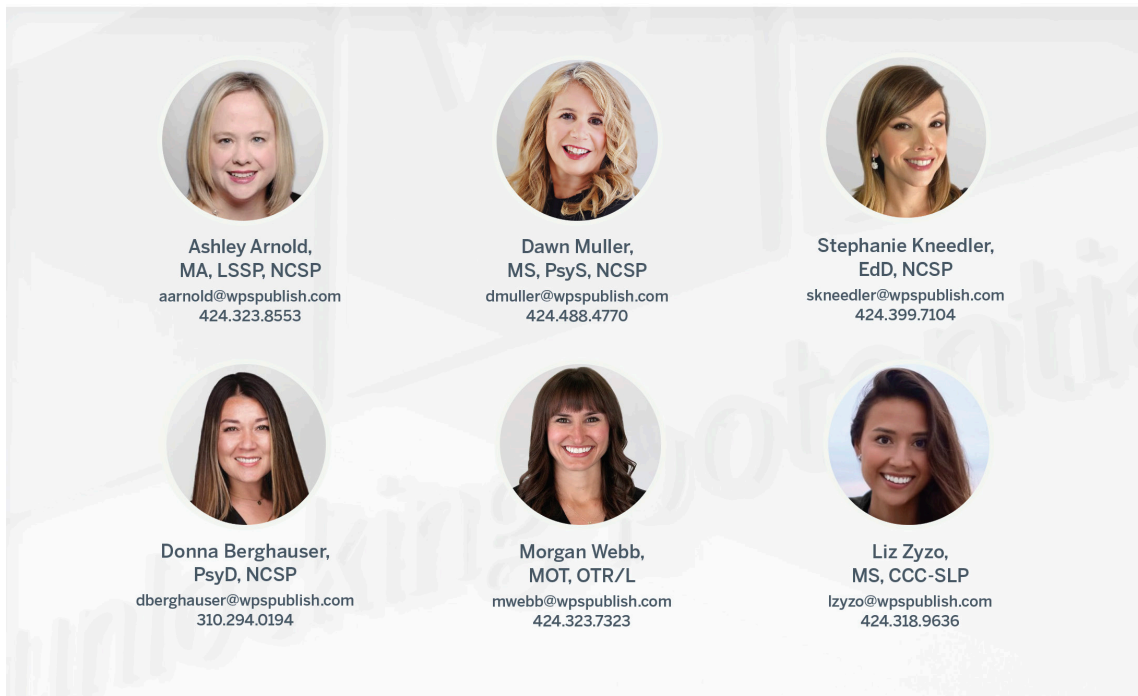
Communication is at the heart of human experience. At a very basic level, we communicate to survive. We also communicate to learn, build relationships, and engage in the activities that sustain us.




Our Team Supports Your Team

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And WPS continues to invest in innovation. We're working with researchers and experts to develop new assessments, design new administration options, and create new professional development opportunities to make your job easier and more effective.

Taking a whole child approach requires a team of professionals with excellent tools, experienced clinical judgment, and a desire to collaborate. WPS is proud to be part of your assessment team, and we look forward to sharing in your work this year.



"[I]f we care about providing environments that tend to the whole child, we also need to think about the whole teacher. We need to think about creating a system that supports the whole teacher and responds to their strengths, needs, and interests." (McDonald, 2023)

*–Marisa Saunders, UCLA Center for Community
Schooling Associate Director for Research*

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