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LSI-R, LSI-R:SV, LS/CMI and YLS/CMI now available through Assessments.com

Two of the nation's leading providers of risk assessment tools for adult and juvenile justice departments have formed a partnership to better serve their clients.

Assessments.com and Multi-Health Systems (MHS) have teamed up to make available for the first time ever, the LSI-R (Level of Service Inventory-Revised); the LSI-R:SV (Level of Service Inventory: Screening Version); the LS/CMI (Level of Service/Case Management Inventory); and the YLS/CMI (Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory) risk assessment instruments delivered on the web-enabled, browser-based, fully integratable platform of Assessments.com.

Assessments.com can be used as either (1) a hosted implementation, where the MHS tools are accessed over the internet and we manage the hardware and data storage, or (2) an installed solution, where we install the software on a department's or county's servers. Both options have very distinct advantages.

- Hosted Implementation: Very quick and easy start-up. Can be implemented almost immediately. No hardware or management needed.
- Installed Solution: Can be integrated with other case management systems to reduce redundant data entry, and information/data can be shared seamlessly.
- Separate contracts with both MHS and Assessments.com are required for these tools.

Assessments.com is one of the nation's leading providers of validated risk assessment/case management software, staff training and implementation consulting. Among its major clients are the probation departments of the states of Washington, Florida, Montana and Wyoming and Los Angeles and San Diego counties. The goal of these public/private partnerships is first, to reduce recidivism, and second, to provide valid, reliable assessment information to help professionals create effective, individualized case plans.

How do we do it? By implementing superior online assessment and case planning systems, and by working hard with our partners every step of the way to foster an evidence-based culture in which each individual and systemic process is rooted in best practices and proven principles of effective intervention. That is the only way to get the outcomes our clients want, their jurisdictions demand, and the youth and adult offenders need to reduce recidivism.

MHS is a publishing company which has been providing risk assessment tools since 1983. See www.mhs.com for additional information.

The **LSI-R™** assessment is a quantitative survey of offender attributes and offender situations relevant for making decisions about levels of supervision and treatment. The instrument's applications include assisting in the allocation of resources, helping to make probation and placement decisions, making appropriate security level classifications, and assessing treatment progress. The 54 LSI-R items are based on legal requirements and include relevant factors for making decisions about risk level and treatment.

The **LSI-R:SV** is a screening instrument ideal for use when a complete LSI-R™ assessment may not be feasible, due to time constraints or insufficient staff resources. The LSI-R:SV consists of eight items selected from the full LSI-R. It provides a brief summary of dynamic risk areas that may require further assessment and possible intervention. Research with the LSI-R:SV shows it is predictive of a variety of outcomes important to offender management. Among probation samples, the LSI-R:SV scores predicted violent recidivism and violations while under community supervision. Among incarcerated offenders, scores have predicted success in correctional halfway houses and institutional misconduct.

The **LS/CMI™** system is a comprehensive measure of risk and need factors, as well as a fully functional case management tool. It is designed to assist professionals in management and treatment planning with adult and late adolescent male and female offenders in justice, forensic, correctional, prevention, and related agencies. By combining risk assessment with case management in a single system, the LS/CMI gives the professional all the necessary tools in a single application. The LS/CMI refines and combines the 54 LSI-R items into 43 LS/CMI Section 1 items while maintaining the item content (for current LSI-R users, LSI-R scores can be converted to LS/CMI scores). Assessors can also indicate areas of offender strength, which could serve as protective factors. Ten additional comprehensive sections have been added. Several of these sections assess mitigating or aggravating factors that can affect risk/need levels, such as a section about concerns specific to incarcerated offenders. Other sections document a professional or administrative override. The final sections deal exclusively with case management considerations, including assessing responsiveness concerns to help offenders rehabilitate.

The **YLS/CMI**, derived from the LSI-R, helps probation officers, youth workers, psychologists, and social workers identify the youth's major needs, strengths, barriers, and incentives; select the most appropriate goals for him or her; and produce an effective case management plan.

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