

LSI SCORING

EMOTIONAL/PERSONAL DOMAIN

#46

Moderate Interference

Moderate Interference: Inability to handle life's stressors.

Examples: insomnia, worrying, mild depression, loss of appetite.

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Severe Interference

Severe Interference: Indicators of serious mental illness, severe emotional or cognitive interference.

Examples: extreme aggression, hallucinations, delusions, rapid/ slow speech, suicidal ideation/ attempts.

What's the difference? 😊

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

*Timeline: PAST YEAR

*If/ Then Rule: If #47 scores, #46 scores

* #47- If severe callousness is observed- assess for psychopathy

* #47- If scored YES- refer to mental health treatment

*Mental Illness can be a barrier to treatment and supervision success- Please consider the *responsivity principle* when addressing mental health issues



October Tip of the Month: LSI scoring (moderate/severe interference)

Practice Scenario: How would you score given the following

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1. How would you score line items 46 & 47?
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- 1) How would you score line items 46 & 47? (Score BOTH 46 & 47)
- 2) Does the IF/THEN rule apply? (Yes- because if 47 is scores, 46 is also scored)
- 3) Does Bobby need to be assessed for psychopathy? (No- Bobby is not showing signs of callousness, narcissism, manipulation, or other psychopathic traits)
- 4) BONUS: What other line item should be scored if Bobby needs a psychological assessment? (Line item 50- Psychological Assessment Indicated)
- 5) SUPER BONUS- What questions could you ask Bobby to gauge suicidal ideation/ intention? (Examples, but not limited to: Do the voices tell you to hurt yourself? In what ways do you cope when the voices tell you negative things? Have you ever wanted to harm yourself?) **Bobby reports NOT having suicidal ideation, but it's always important to ask.