

Assessment of Psychopathology in People with an Intellectual Disability

Measurement domain	Assessment measure	Age group	Level of ID	Description/structure	Administration
Psychopathology	Diagnostic Assessment for the Severely Handicapped-II (DASH II; Matson, Gardner, Coe, & Sovner, 1991) ⁱ http://www.disabilityconsultants.org/DASHII.php	Child/Adult	Severe/Profound	<p><u>Structure:</u> 84-item, 13-subscale broad-based measure of psychopathology. Based on DSM-IV-TR classifications.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Assists in diagnosis of psychopathology in people with severe or profound intellectual disability.</p>	<p><u>Assessed by:</u> Psychiatrist/Specialist mental health professional</p> <p><u>Answered by:</u> Informant</p>
	Emotional Problem Scales: Self Report Inventory (EPS-S; Prout, & Strohmer, 1991) ⁱⁱ	Adult	Borderline/Mild	<p><u>Structure:</u> 147-item, 5-subscale measure</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To assess maladaptive behaviours and emotional problems through self-report.</p>	<p><u>Assessed by:</u> Mental health professional</p> <p><u>Answered by:</u> Self-report</p>
	Emotional Problem Scale: Behaviour Rating Scales (EPS-R; Strohmer, & Prout, 1991) ⁱⁱⁱ	Adult	Borderline/Mild	<p><u>Structure:</u> 135-item, 5-subscale measure</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To assess maladaptive behaviours and emotional problems through informant ratings.</p>	<p><u>Answered by:</u> Informant</p>
	The Psychiatric Assessment Schedule for Adults with Developmental Disabilities-Suite of Mental Health Assessments (PAS- ADD; Moss, Prosser, Costello, et al., 1998) ^{iv} www.pas-add.com	Child and Adolescent /Adult/ Older adult	Mild/Moderate/Severe	<p><u>Structure:</u> A suite of mental health assessments for people with an intellectual disability. The suite includes the PAS-ADD Checklist (25-items), Mini PAS-ADD (clinical interview), ChA-PAS and PAS-ADD (Clinical Interview).</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> The PAS-ADD Checklist can be used as a screening tool by family/carers and mental</p>	<p><u>Assessed by:</u> Specially trained mental health professional</p> <p><u>Answered by:</u> Self-report and/or informant</p>

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Psychopathology				health professionals; The Mini-PAS-ADD can be used by specially trained mental health professionals to identify mental health problems and determine whether further assessment is required; The ChA-PAS & PAS-ADD can be used by specially trained mental health professionals (usually psychologists and psychiatrists) for diagnosis of mental disorder in people with an ID.	
	Psychopathology Inventory for Mentally Retarded Adults (PIMRA; Matson, Kazdin, & Senatore, 1984) ^v http://www.disabilityconsultants.org/PIMRA.php	Adult	Mild/Moderate/Severe	<u>Structure:</u> 56 items representing seven classes of psychopathology based on DSM-III criteria plus one additional subscale. <u>Purpose:</u> A screening tool to aid in the differential diagnosis of individuals with an intellectual disability. Checklist of abnormal behaviour used to plan treatments, evaluate the effects of mental health treatment and diagnose psychopathology in people with an ID.	<u>Assessed by:</u> Mental health professional <u>Answered by:</u> Family/support people familiar with the person rates each item
	Reiss Screen for Maladaptive Behaviour (RSMB; Reiss, 1988) ^{vi} http://www.idspublishing.com/screen	16 years and up	Mild/Moderate/Severe/ Profound	<u>Structure:</u> Adult version: The functioning of an individual is rated for 38 key symptoms of psychopathology.	<u>Assessed by:</u> Mental health professional <u>Answered by:</u> Informant
	Reiss Scales for Children's Dual Diagnosis http://www.idspublishing.com/scales/	4-21 years		Child version: 60 symptoms of psychopathology are rated by teachers, family or caregivers who know the child well.	

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				<p><u>Purpose:</u> Screens for mental health problems for individuals with an intellectual disability. Aids in identifying individuals who need further psychiatric assessment</p>	

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