

## Assessment of Social Functioning in People with an Intellectual Disability

Measurement domain	Assessment measure	Population	Level of ID	Description/structure	Administration
Social functioning	<b>The Matson Evaluation of Social Skills for Individuals with Severe Retardation</b> (MESSIER; Matson, 1995) <sup>i</sup> <a href="http://www.disabilityconsultants.org/MESSIER.php">http://www.disabilityconsultants.org/MESSIER.php</a>	Adult	Severe/ Profound	<u>Structure:</u> 85-item questionnaire grouped into six clinical subscales.  <u>Purpose:</u> Designed to provide information on communication and general social skills behaviour that can be identified both for treatment goals and to evaluate treatment efficacy.	<u>Assessed by:</u> Mental health professionals  <u>Answered by:</u> Informant
	<b>The Social Performance Survey Schedule</b> (SPSS; Matson, Helsel, Bellack, & Senatore, 1983) <sup>ii</sup> <a href="http://www.disabilityconsultants.org/SPSS.php">http://www.disabilityconsultants.org/SPSS.php</a>	Adult	Mild/Moderate	<u>Structure:</u> 57-item questionnaire  <u>Purpose:</u> To assess the strengths and deficits of social skills in people with an intellectual disability and identify treatment goals	<u>Assessed by:</u> Mental health professionals  <u>Answered by:</u> Informant

### References

<sup>i</sup> Matson, J.L., *The Matson Evaluation of Social Skills for Individuals with Severe Retardation (MESSIER)*. 1995, Baton Rouge, LA: Disability Consultants, LLC.

<sup>ii</sup> Matson, J.L., W.J. Helsel, A.S. Bellack, and V. Senatore, *Development of a rating scale to assess social skill deficits in mentally retarded adults*. *Applied Research in Mental Retardation*, 1983. 4(4): p. 399-407

