



What is the Pediatric Mental Health Screening Assessment?

The Pediatric Mental Health Screening Assessment is a tool to help physicians quickly and easily screen children for mental health and learning disorders and to facilitate connecting them with follow-up care. It began on Staten Island in 2016 as a collaboration between the Child Mind Institute and the Staten Island Borough President's Office. The goal was to develop an easy-to use tool to screen for mental health concerns in pediatric practices. The initial version of the screener was developed for use on a tablet in office waiting rooms and used in 7 pediatric practices on Staten Island.

What has the program accomplished so far?

Through the pilot program, we screened over 4,600 children for mental health concerns and provided clinicians guidance on next steps and options for referrals. We received valuable feedback from the practices about content, design and features of the platform. With this information, we transitioned to a new platform that offers expanded features, improved usability and more tailored options to providers.



4,600+
children
screened
as of Nov 2021

Is the screener available in languages other than English?

The screener is available in both English and Spanish.

What is included in the screener?

The screener includes assessments validated to uncover concerns about ADHD, emotional problems, depression, suicide, eating behaviors, bullying and substance use, including the Pediatric Symptom Checklist, the PHQ-2, the KSADS (for eating disorders), and the CRAFT (self-report only). Additional assessments for aggression, anxiety, depression, substance use, suicide, trauma and development also are available and can be added at any time.

How long does it take to complete the screener?

It takes about 10-15 minutes to complete the screener. Results are immediately and automatically available in the physician's dashboard at the touch of a button.

Who completes the screener?

Parents complete the screener, or children if age-appropriate.

What is the time and effort needed to implement the screening tool in our office?

All materials are provided and office staff are trained in how to use them, including tablets if your practice opts for the in-office screening. Both screener set-up and scoring are fully automated and can be completed by a member of your staff in as little as 1 minute with the touch of a button. We'll provide you with a resource list so that connecting parents with resources for diagnostic follow-up when appropriate is as easy as sharing the list with them.

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Does the assessment tool meet privacy standards?

The Pediatric Mental Health Screening Assessments features HIPAA-compliant data storage. The app is designed with user roles and permissions in place for end-to-end security that facilitates private communication for the clinician and patient.

What is the current platform for the screener?

The current version of the Pediatric Screener is conducted in MindLogger, a platform developed by the Child Mind Institute.

What advantages does the MindLogger platform offer?

MindLogger makes it easy for anyone to collect, analyze and visualize data. Custom questions can be requested or added directly by the practice. The app is engaging and user-friendly and makes it easy for practices to screen patients and track results. There are two options for collecting the information: in-office or at-home. Both options allow for multiple responses from a patient, so the assessment can be taken more than once and progress between visits tracked.

Results can be easily viewed on the MindLogger dashboard or downloaded as a PDF report to print and share with families. Resource and referral lists are provided by the Child Mind Institute team to make it easy for practices to connect families with the care they need.

What is the difference between the at-home and in-office options?

Once a site creates an account with MindLogger they are given access to the screening tool. MindLogger offers them the flexibility to collect screening info through a mobile app in the office or by a link sent to the patient at home and completed on a computer before their visit.

Option 1: At-Home screening

A link for the screening tool is generated and sent to families to complete at home in advance of their visit. Once a family submits their responses, the practice can access the results on the MindLogger dashboard so that they can be reviewed during the patient visit. The practice also has the option to allow the parent to see their own results in a downloadable and printable report that can be uploaded to electronic medical records.

Option 2: In-Office screening

The screening can be completed in the office on a tablet while patients are in the waiting room. The results are available for the physician or other office staff to review directly on the tablet or from the MindLogger dashboard. The practice also has the option to allow the parent to see their own results in a downloadable and printable report that can be uploaded to electronic medical records.

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