

Social-Emotional Screening Tools for Population-Based Screening or Follow-up Assessment

For practices interested in implementing whole population or targeted social-emotional screening, here are some details about the most commonly used tools.

- Administration and scoring of these screens with interpretation of results by a licensed clinician (potentially as part of a well visit) can be billed as **96127** (Brief Emotional/ Behavioral Assessment).
- Use of one of these screening tools by an integrated behavioral health clinician as part of a broader biopsychosocial assessment can be billed as **90791** (Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation).

Screening/Assessment Tool	Advantages	Considerations
Baby and Preschool Pediatric Symptom Checklist Baby (BPSC): 1-17.99 months Tool and Scoring Preschool (PPSC) 18- 65 mo. Tool and Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public domain • Takes 5-10 mins • Meets Social Emotional screening requirement for Bright Futures • Subsection scores can queue up specific brief interventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both tools are a component of the Survey of Well Being in Young Children tool (SWYC), and some translations exist for the SWYC. But might not be able to find stand-alone versions
Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC) 4 years and older Tool and Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public domain • Multiple translations • Takes 10 mins • 35 items • Items grouped in categories: Attention, Anxiety/Depression, Conduct 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoring is a bit more involved because questions for each subset are mixed in together
Survey of Well Being in Young Children (SWYC) 2- 60 months Forms for download	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public domain • Many translations available • Takes 10 mins • Combines screening for social drivers of health, development and social-emotional concerns in one tool • Screening tool corresponds with Bright Futures well visit periodicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longer than PSC alone • Developmental screening section does not have subset domain scores, so may be hard to determine best match follow-up steps and likelihood of Early Intervention eligibility
Early Childhood Screening Assessment (ECSA) 18-60 months Form and Scoring Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public domain • Available in English, Spanish and Romanian • Takes 5-10 minutes • 40 items (brief version with 24 items also available – form and scoring guide) • Has questions related to parental depression as well 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not available for younger children under 18 months
ASQ- SE 1-72 months Website information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes 10-15 mins • Assesses seven domains of social–emotional development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proprietary tool: \$295 for ASQ-SE:2 starter kit • Scoring requires training

Additional broader list of screening tools for birth-to-5 population (assessing child development, social emotional health, perinatal depression, social drivers of health etc) available here:

<https://www.aap.org/en/patient-care/screening-technical-assistance-and-resource-center/screening-tool-finder/?page=1>