

CSI's Psychology Department

CSI has been providing psychological testing, parenting evaluations, and psychiatric consultations in the Western Mass and Metro Boston areas for over 20 years. CSI has a team of experienced psychological evaluators who have learned what is being asked from any type of evaluation. CSI's experience in child welfare, juvenile justice, and SPED has led to understanding the needs of the referring agent or agency. Findings from the evaluation always reflect the data, but also accept the practical limitations of solving complex problems. CSI is a proud Medicaid vendor for MBHP, Beacon, Fallon, NHP .

Referral time is short and verbal feedback within 72 hours.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS

Differential Diagnosis

CSI uses Psychological testing as a way to help clarify the diagnosis and adjust treatment plans for children and adults currently in psychotherapy that are not progressing as planned. These assessments target the underlying dynamics of why a problem occurs. This "fresh look" helps therapists and case managers make key decisions based on current psychological measurement of intelligence, learning style, personality assessment and overview of the family, school, and community contexts for the problems studied.

Educational

CSI has a strong team of Educational Psychologists with training from the Curtis Blake Center specializing in the diagnosis and remediation of learning problems ranging from reading difficulties to social-emotional-disrupted learning. CSI provides support to schools at any phase of the 766 process and offers practical solutions that are designed to be quickly activated, use existing resources that amplify outside support for the school. CSI welcomes collaboration with school counselors and ETLs and will work cooperatively to maximize the Best Interest of the Child.

Disability Evaluations

CSI has extensive experience in the use of psychological testing to determine the presence of a mental impairment disability under Social Security and other private insurances. Our evaluations begin with a thorough interview about work experience (done as part of application if needed). A standard battery of psychological tests is then administered. The findings are compared with the existing national criteria for the diagnosis of the disabling condition. The last step is to make a recommendation about Residual Functional Capacity (RFC) which is a critical element in the review decision. The psychological data may have some impact on predicting the ability to work a variety of other jobs. CSI is experienced with both Child and Adult Social Security procedures.

Risk and Threat

CSI has a core team of well-published experts that have had decades of local and international experience evaluating risk of violence. Members have worked with the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit in developing risk and threat protocols for school shootings. CSI offers custom large-group assessments (schools, organizations, or communities) as well as individual assessments involving: fitness to parent, recidivism probability, immediate threat to community, placement risks, and probability of successful rehabilitation.

Parenting Assessments

CSI is dedicated to the care and study of families struggling with problems that lead them into child welfare, juvenile justice, or the SPED processes. CSI offers a variety of services including: interviews (on-site as well as off-site), psychological testing, and record reviews to assess critical elements of family functioning. CSI works with CPCS and other private attorneys on Care & Protection cases, Family Law, or Criminal cases.

Consultations are immediately available by phone and follow up reports and testifying are also standard CSI support for these services.

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