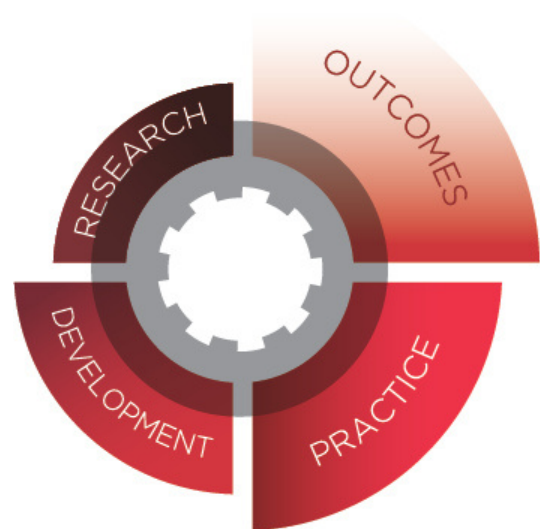


UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI CORRECTIONS INSTITUTE **OHIO RISK ASSESSMENT SYSTEM - COMMUNITY SUPERVISION TOOL (ORAS-CST)**

Developed at the University of Cincinnati by the Center for Criminal Justice Research in partnership with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Ohio Risk Assessment system is a dynamic risk/needs assessment system that assesses individuals at various decision points across the criminal justice system. This original suite of tools was validated upon creation in 2009 (ORAS 1.0). A Misdemeanor tool was developed and validated in Ohio by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI), expanding the suite in 2014 (ORAS 2.0). As of this release, several states have adopted the ORAS, validated to their populations, and partnered with UCCI to develop state specific derivative tools.

This tool is designed to be used with people in the community. This can include those on probation or parole, as well as people in residential facilities and other community alternatives (such as day reporting centers).

The instrument was designed to be administered through file review and a structured interview, although some items can be obtained through a self-report questionnaire. The CST consists of 35 items across seven domains: 1) Criminal History; 2) Education and Employment; 3) Family and Social Support; 4) Neighborhood Problems; 5) Substance Use; 6) Peer Associations; and 7) Criminal Attitudes and Behavioral Patterns.



SCORING INTERPRETATION

Each item on the tool is scored using specific scoring criteria, and scoring can range from 0-2 depending on the item. The final score is a summed product of each of the individual items creating a range between 0 and 49. The higher the score, the greater the risk the individual poses. The following tables reflect overall cutoff scores and associated risk rating for both males and females:

Risk Categories for Males

Scores	Rating
0-14	Low
15-23	Moderate
24-33	High
34+	Very High

Risk Categories for Females

Scores	Rating
0-14	Low
15-21	Low/Moderate
22-28	Moderate
29+	High

It is recommended that those individuals who score as moderate risk or higher overall receive services according to the individuals' need levels, and in accordance with the agency's policies and procedures. Information regarding the individuals' need levels is calculated by scoring each of the domains on the tool and the results can be found via the level of needs table. The scoring for the level of need according to domain is as follows:

Need Domains

	Criminal History	Education Employment & Financial Situations	Family & Social Support	Neighborhood Problems	Substance Use	Peer Associations	Criminal Attitudes & Behavioral Patterns
Low	0 - 3	0 - 1	0 - 1	0	0 - 2	0 - 1	0 - 3
Moderate	4 - 6	2 - 4	2 - 3	1	3 - 4	2 - 4	4 - 8
High	7 - 8	5 - 6	4 - 5	2 - 3	5 - 6	5 - 8	9 - 13

It is recommended that those individuals who score moderate or high in the above need areas be referred to treatment services according to agency's policies and procedures and available resources. For example, an individual who scores high risk overall, and has a high need in Criminal Attitudes and Behavioral Patterns, would benefit from being referred to a cognitive behavioral program in order to address the high level need. Another example would be an individual who scores moderate risk overall, and has a high need in Substance Use and Education, Employment, and Financial Situation, this person would benefit from Substance Use treatment as well as education/employment support via adult education classes and/or vocational training.