

Comparing Conners CBRS® and Conners CBRS® 2



Conners Comprehensive Behavior
Rating Scales™ 2nd Edition

Conners Comprehensive Behavior Rating Scales™ 2nd Edition (Conners CBRS® 2) is a revision of Conners Comprehensive Behavior Rating Scales™ (Conners CBRS®) that introduces updated content and improvements to its standardization, including cross-form alignment, functionality and accessibility. The tables below highlight these key changes.

REFERENCE AREA	CONNERS CBRS	CONNERS CBRS 2
Administration Formats	Online (email link, local administration) Paper-and-Pencil (print paper forms and enter responses via the MHS Online Assessment Center+) QuikScore forms	Online (email link, local administration) Paper-and-Pencil (print paper forms and enter responses via the MHS Online Assessment Center+)
Scoring	Online scoring Hand scoring Software scoring	Online scoring
Forms	Conners CBRS (Parent/Teacher/Self-Report) Conners Clinical Index (Parent/Teacher/Self-Report)	Conners CBRS 2* (Parent/Teacher/Self-Report–Child/Self-Report–Adolescent) Conners Clinical Index forms are not available for the Conners CBRS 2 <i>*Improved cross-form alignment</i>
Age Range	Parent/Teacher: 6–18 years Self-Report: 8–18 years	Parent/Teacher: 6–18 years Self-Report–Child: 8–12 years Self-Report–Adolescent: 13–18 years
Languages <i>†Spanish is available only for the Parent and Self-Report forms.</i>	English (North America) Spanish [†] (North America)	English (North America) Spanish [†] (North America) French (Canada)



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Reading Level of Forms	Parent: Grade 5 Teacher: Grade 5 Self-Report: Grade 3	Parent: Grade 5 Teacher: Grade 5 Self-Report: Grade 3
Average Administration Time	Parent: 25 minutes Teacher: 25 minutes Self-Report: 25 minutes Conners Clinical Index: less than 5 minutes	Parent: 28 minutes Teacher: 23 minutes Self-Report–Child: 26 minutes Self-Report–Adolescent: 23 minutes
Report Types	Assessment Report Comparative Report Progress Report Scored Dataset	Single-Rater Report (previously Assessment Report)
Normative Samples	<i>N</i> = 1,200 Parent; 1,200 Teacher; and 1,000 Self-Report, matched to U.S. population demographics from 2000	<i>N</i> = 1,560 Parent; 1,560 Teacher; and 1,300 for Self-Report, matched to U.S. population demographics from 2023
Manual	Printed manual	Digital manual

CONTENT AREAS	CONNERS CBRS	CONNERS CBRS 2	UPDATE
Response Style Analysis	Positive Impression Index	N/A	Removed
	Negative Impression Index	Negative Impression Index	Updated item content
	Inconsistency Index	Inconsistency Index	Updated item pairs
	N/A	Omitted Items	New; reports flag omitted items that affect scale scores



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Response Style Analysis	N/A	Pace (online administration only)	New; reports flag unusually fast or unusually slow response times for online administrations
Domains	N/A	Strengths Domain	New domains; most Content Scales and DSM Symptom Scales are now grouped into these four clinically meaningful domains
		Neurodevelopmental Domain	
		Externalizing Domain	
		Internalizing Domain	
Critical Items	Severe Conduct	Severe Conduct [‡]	Updated item content
	Self-Harm	Self-Harm [‡]	[‡] <i>Flexibility to disable sensitive content</i>
Content Scales	N/A	Resilience	New
	N/A	Social Skills	New
	Academic Difficulties	Academic Difficulties	Updated item content
	Language (Parent and Teacher only)	• Reading Difficulties[§] • Writing Difficulties[§] • Math Difficulties	Renamed; updated item content; now available across all forms
	Math (Parent and Teacher only)		[§] <i>On Self-Report forms, Reading Difficulties and Writing Difficulties subscales are combined into a Reading/Writing Difficulties subscale.</i>
	N/A	Disinhibition • Emotional Disinhibition • Behavioral Disinhibition	New



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Content Scales	N/A	Aggression • General Aggression • Relational Aggression	New
	Defiant/Aggressive Behaviors	N/A	Removed; content can be found on the Aggression Content Scale, DSM Oppositional Defiant Disorder Symptoms scale, and DSM Conduct Disorder Symptoms scale
	N/A	Callousness (<i>Parent, Teacher, and Self-Report–Adolescent only</i>)	New
	Hyperactivity (<i>Teacher only</i>)	N/A	Removed; content can be found on the Behavioral Disinhibition Content subscale and DSM ADHD Hyperactive/Impulsive Symptoms scale
	Hyperactivity/Impulsivity (<i>Parent and Self-Report only</i>)	N/A	Removed; content can be found on the Behavioral Disinhibition Content subscale and DSM ADHD Hyperactive/Impulsive Symptoms scale
	Emotional Distress • Upsetting Thoughts (<i>Parent only</i>) • Worrying (<i>Parent only</i>)	Emotional Distress • Upsetting Thoughts • Worrying	Updated item content; now available across all forms
	Upsetting Thoughts/Physical Symptoms (<i>Teacher only</i>)	N/A	Removed; content can be found on Upsetting Thoughts (Emotional Distress) and Physical Symptoms (Somatic Complaints) subscales



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Content Scales	Social Anxiety (<i>Teacher only</i>)	N/A	Removed; content can be found on the DSM Social Anxiety Disorder Symptoms scale
	Social Problems (<i>Parent and Teacher only</i>)	Social Isolation	Renamed; updated item content; now available across all forms
	Perfectionistic and Compulsive Behaviors (<i>Parent and Teacher only</i>)	Perfectionism (<i>Parent, Teacher, and Self-Report–Adolescent only</i>)	Renamed; updated item content; now also available on Self-Report–Adolescent
	Physical Symptoms	Somatic Complaints - Physical Symptoms - Sleep Problems	Renamed; updated item content and split into subscales
	Separation Fears	N/A	Removed; content can be found on the DSM Separation Anxiety Disorder Symptoms scale
	Violence Potential Indicator	N/A	Removed
DSM Symptom Scales	DSM Autism Spectrum Disorder Symptoms (<i>Parent and Teacher only</i>)	DSM Autism Spectrum Disorder Symptoms (<i>Parent and Teacher only</i>)	Updated item content
	N/A	DSM Total ADHD Symptoms	New
	DSM ADHD Inattentive Symptoms	DSM ADHD Inattentive Symptoms	Updated item content



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DSM Symptom Scales	DSM ADHD Hyperactive/Impulsive Symptoms	DSM ADHD Hyperactive/Impulsive Symptoms	Updated item content
	DSM ADHD Combined	N/A	Removed as a separate scale; now referenced as a note in the Conners CBRS 2 reports
	DSM Oppositional Defiant Disorder Symptoms	DSM Oppositional Defiant Disorder Symptoms	Updated item content
	DSM Major Depressive Episode Symptoms	DSM Major Depressive Episode Symptoms	Updated item content
	DSM Manic Episode Symptoms	DSM Manic Episode Symptoms	Updated item content
	DSM Mixed Episode Symptoms	N/A	Removed
	DSM Generalized Anxiety Disorder Symptoms	DSM Generalized Anxiety Disorder Symptoms	Updated item content
	DSM Separation Anxiety Disorder Symptoms	DSM Separation Anxiety Disorder Symptoms	Updated item content
	DSM Social Anxiety Disorder Symptoms	DSM Social Anxiety Disorder Symptoms	Updated item content
	DSM Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Symptoms	DSM Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Symptoms	Updated item content



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Clinical Indicator Items	Enuresis/Encopresis (Parent and Teacher only)	Enuresis/Encopresis (Parent and Teacher only)	Updated item content
	Pica (Parent and Self-Report only)	Pica	Updated item content; now available across all forms
	Tics	Tics	Updated item content
	N/A	Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder	New
	N/A	Risky Behaviors	New
	Substance Use	Substance Use	Updated item content
	Bullying Perpetration	Bullying Perpetration	Updated item content
	Bullying Victimization	Bullying Victimization	Updated item content
	N/A	Eating Disorder	New
	Panic Attack	Panic Attack	Updated item content
	Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	Posttraumatic Stress Disorder	Updated item content
	Specific Phobia	Specific Phobia	Updated item content
	Trichotillomania	Trichotillomania	Updated item content
	N/A	Problematic Internet Use	New



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Clinical Indicator Items	Pervasive Developmental Disorder (<i>Self-Report only</i>)	N/A	Removed
Impairment & Functional Outcome Items	Schoolwork/Grades	School/Work	Updated and expanded content based on Conners CBRS Impairment Items to include measurement of functional impairments across five settings
	Home Life (<i>Parent and Self-Report only</i>)	Home Life (Parent and Self-Report only)	
	Friendships/Relationships	Friendships	
	N/A	Recreational Activities	
	N/A	Self-Care	
Additional Questions	Other Concerns	Other Concerns	No change
	Strengths/Skills	Strengths/Skills	No change

