Cognitive Screening Training  
For County Human Services Staff  

SCORING Cognitive Screening Tools  

**Animal Naming**  
14 and above is normal  
A score of less than 14 is considered abnormal  

**Mini-Cog**  
Word Recall  
- Score one point (1) for each correct word recalled after the clock draw.  
Clock Draw  
- Normal clock includes:  
  o All numbers 1 to 12  
  o Each number is only used once  
  o Each number is in the correct order and direction (clockwise)  
  o Two hands are drawn, one points to eleven and one points to two  
- Normal clock scores two (2) points  
- All other clock drawings are scored zero (0)  
- Refusal to draw a clock is also scored zero (0)  

**Sum score for Word Recall and Clock Draw**  
Total score of  
- 0 – 2 = Impaired  
- 3 – 5 = Not impaired  

**AD8**  
The AD8 is scored by tallying the number of items noted as “Yes, a change.” A score of two or more indicates cognitive impairment is likely to be present.  

**When to Make a Referral to the Physician**  
Refer to the primary care practitioner or dementia diagnostic clinic when:  
Total Mini-Cog score = 0 – 2  
**OR**  
Animal Naming is less than 14 **and** score is zero (0) on either the word recall or the Clock Draw.  
**OR**  
The total score on the AD8 is 2 or greater.  

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