



To: Texas Judges Who Hear CPS Cases

**From: The Honorable Robin Sage and The Honorable Dean Rucker,
Jurists in Residence, Supreme Court Children's Commission**

Date: February 8, 2016

**RE: Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment for Foster
Children**

As you may recall, we sent a letter in September 2015 about the new Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment for foster children being deployed statewide by DFPS. The scheduled date for deployment is June 1, 2016. To learn more about the CANS, how it will be administered, and who will be trained, link [here](#).

As part of the effort to train staff, advocates, and stakeholders, DFPS will hold a series of meetings featuring Dr. John Lyons, creator of the CANS Assessment. Please plan to attend if you're interested. Also, please share this information with attorneys in your jurisdiction who may be interested in learning more about the CANS Assessment and how DFPS intends to use it to the benefit of children and youth in its care.

San Antonio on February 16, 2016

9:00 am - 10:30 am
Children's Shelter - Family Strengthening
Building
1209 South St. Mary's
San Antonio, Texas 78210

Ft. Worth on February 22, 2016

9:00 am - 10:30 am
UTA Fort Worth Center in rooms 113 and
114
1401 Jones Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Houston on February 18, 2016

9:00 am - 10:30 am
Dept. of Family and Protective Services
2525 Murworth
Houston, TX 77054

Lubbock on February 25, 2016

9:00 am - 10:30 am
First Assembly of God
3801 98th St, Lubbock, TX 79423

Space is limited and RSVP's are required. Please RSVP to Valinda Bolton at valinda.bolton@dfps.state.tx.us.