



**Office for People With
Developmental Disabilities**

Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) and the Coordinated Assessment System (CAS)

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Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)

- What is the CANS?
- Who does the CANS affect?
- What will the CANS do?
- What is the assessment process?



What is the CANS?

- A Praed Foundation assessment tool.
- Utilized in 50 states, and across multiple NY State Offices.
- Public and available on the Department of Health (DOH) website.
- A comprehensive assessment tool just for children/adolescents under 18 years old.
- <https://cansnyinstitute.org/>

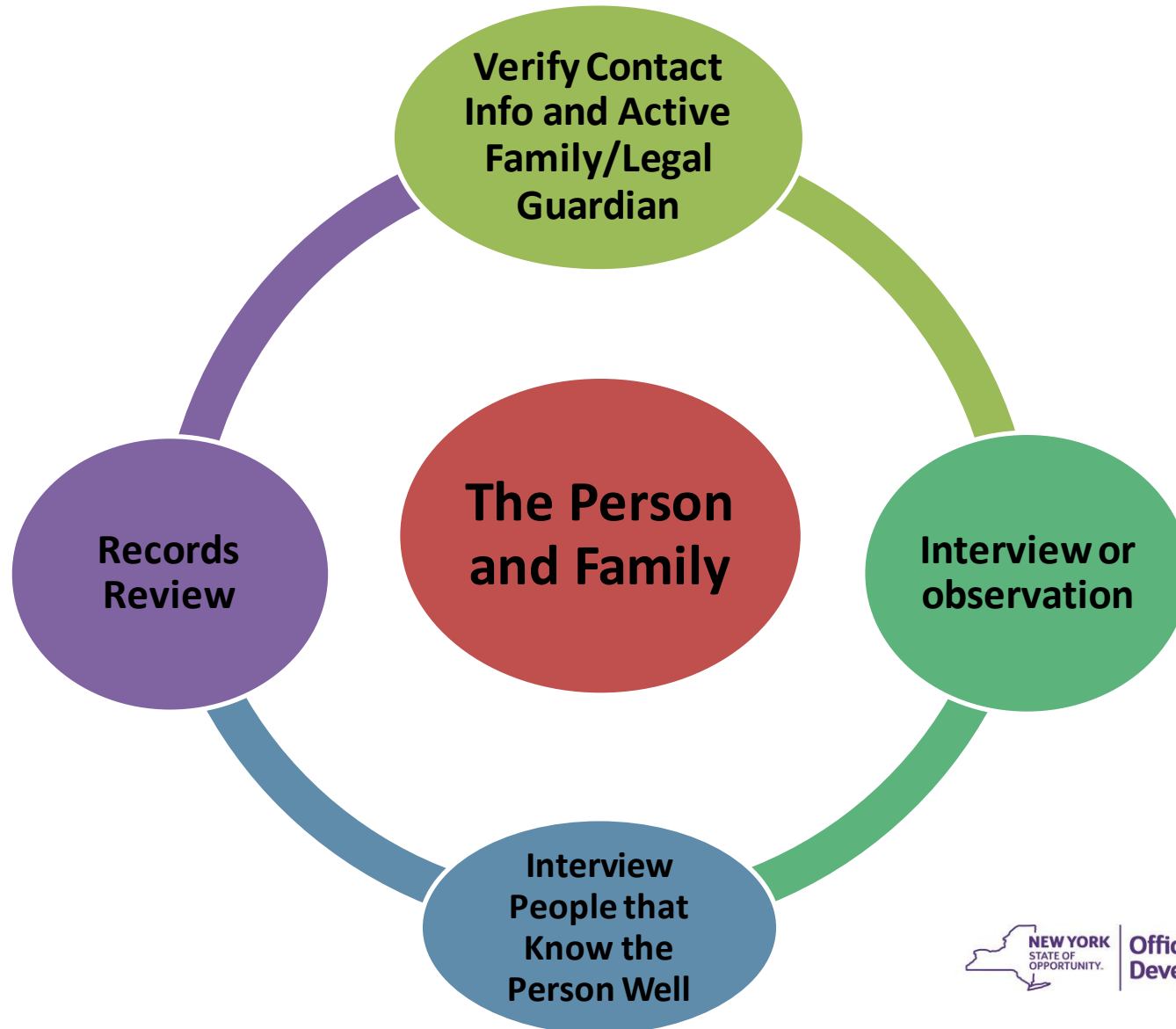
Who does CANS effect?

- Children and families who want to receive or are currently receiving OPWDD services.
- If the person is 18 years old, the Coordinated Assessment System (CAS) will be used.
- Adults do not need the CANS completed.

What will CANS do?

- Improve how OPWDD serves children/families.
- Provide better information about the child because its questions are right for children, not adults.
- Provide Care Managers with information to help develop a plan that best supports the child and family.

What is the assessment process?



Coordinated Assessment System (CAS): Update

- Over 80,000 assessments completed statewide
- Assessments continue to be completed for all adults:
 - Living in any residential setting
 - Living at home or independently receiving any service from OPWDD
 - Self-directing with budget authority
 - Newly determined eligible adults (18 and older)

Recent Updates to CAS Process

- Telehealth option for virtual in-person assessment interviews
- Collaboration with DDRO Front Door and CCO to identify priority assessments
- IT solutions for efficiency with scheduling and completion of assessment process

OPWDD Quality Assurance

- OPWDD completes a quality assurance sample review of all assessors, on an ongoing basis
- OPWDD Quality Assurance activities:
 - Surveys
 - Cross item consistency
 - QA review of CAS summary concerns
 - Field observations
- Individual guidance and training is reinforced with assessors (of both workforces), based on quality reviews

CAS: Coordinated Assessment System Program

Regional Field Managers

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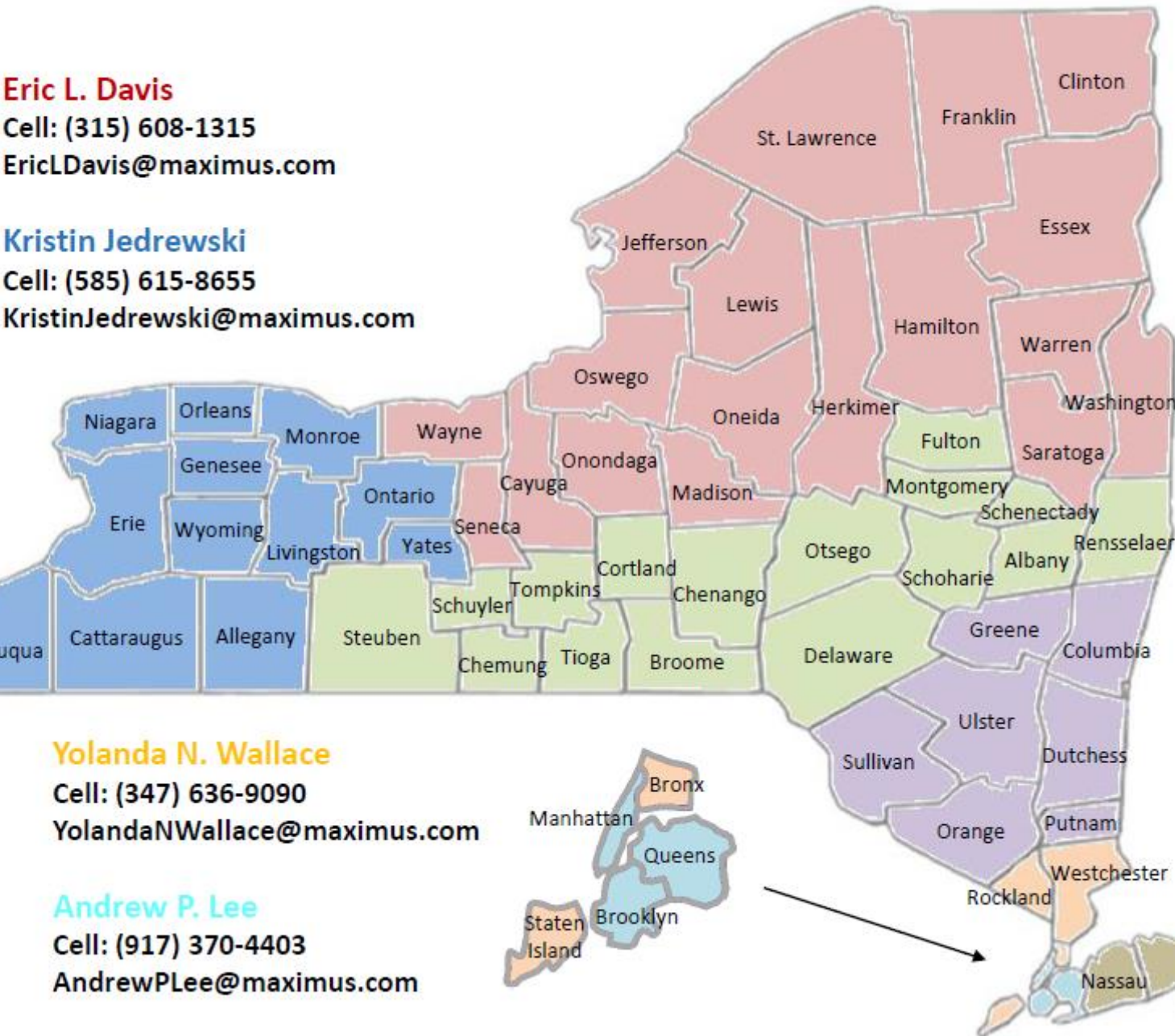
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