

WSC ADVISORY
#2019-012
NEXT GENERATION – QSI FIELD TEST

ACTION REQUIRED

EFFECTIVE DATE: MARCH 11, 2019

APD will be conducting a Field Test of the Next Generation – QSI (NG-QSI) protocol between March and May 2019. The NG-QSI is designed to serve five purposes:

- Identify Support Needs
- Allocate Resources for Meeting Support Needs
- Assess and Promote Social Integration
- Alert Helpers (i.e., WSCs and APD staff) on issues faced by the individuals requiring immediate attention
- Study the Needs of the APD Service Population, Planning Services, and Monitoring Trends

The NG-QSI protocol has been enhanced to replace the QSI. The protocol has seven domains that focus on:

- General Information (e.g., eligibility, demographics, etc.)
- Supports and Services
- Wellness and Health Maintenance
- Daily Living Skills
- Life Style, Value Roles, and Social Integration
- Behavior Concerns
- Level of Supports

The Field Test will help determine if the NG-QSI protocol meets the five purposes and if the data collected is reliable and valid. The outcome of the study will also help determine if the protocol needs to be modified. The results of the Field Test will not have any impact on individuals' assigned budgets. Because this is a study, there will be no NG-QSI protocol report issued on the individuals assessed. However, summary reports of all individuals assessed will be made available at the conclusion of the reliability / validity study being conducted by FSU.

A random sample of 888 individuals statewide have been identified to participate, 100 of whom will participate in a Test-Retest study.

It is critical to the success of the Field Test that the WSCs assist APD by providing support documents on individuals to be assessed and to assist in the coordination of their individuals' NG-QSI assessments.

The benefits will ensure that both the individual and WSC have an opportunity to provide input to factor in a reliable and valid assessment tool. The WSC also will have the opportunity to observe and participate in a thorough assessment process that will contribute to the development of a person-centered Support Plan as well as help identify potential training needs for WSCs.