**Overview**
The Traumatic Events Screening/Diagnostic Inventory (TESI) assesses lifetime exposure to a variety of potentially traumatic events (e.g., injuries, domestic or community violence, natural disasters, sexual abuse, neglect). The TESI includes follow-up questions about the student’s emotional reaction following the event to assess DSM PTSD criterion A1/A2, as well as other aspects of the trauma, including severity and consequences. The TESI-C for children is administered as a clinician semi-structured interview or as a student/child (TESI-C/TESI-SRR) or caregiver/parent (TESI-P/TESI-PRR) questionnaire. The TESI is written on a fifth grade reading level.

**Focus Area**
Trauma

**Reporter**

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**Subscales**
N/A

**Sample Items**
- Have you ever been in a really bad accident, like a car accident, a fall, or a fire?
- Has someone in your family ever been put in jail or prison?
- Has someone ever touched your body in a way you didn’t want them to or in a way that made you uncomfortable?

**Response Options**
- Yes
- No

Includes additional response options

**Languages**
- English
- Spanish

**Cost**
Free

**Estimated Completion Time**
- Ten to thirty minutes (Questionnaire)
- Twenty to thirty minutes (Interview)

**Access the measures:**
TESI-C  
TESI-P (unavailable)  
TESI-PRR (long)  
TESI-PRR (brief)  
TESI-SRR  
TESI

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Scoring

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To use the TESI (all but TESI-PRR-B) for screening or as a diagnostic aide:
- Questions ask about lifetime exposure to traumatic events
- Positively endorsed events are followed up with questions regarding:
  - Age at first, last, and most stressful events
  - Criterion A1: the event was experienced or witnessed first-hand or there was threat of death or injury
  - Criterion A2: the event induced experiences of fear, helplessness, or horror
- An item is scored as positive if the event occurred AND it meets both criterion A1 and A2

Interpretation

To meet full criteria for PTSD (DSM-IV):
- If the student meets criterion A1 and A2, assess the individual for the remaining diagnostic criteria:
  - At least 1 intrusive, 1 avoidant, 2 cognitive/mood, and 2 reactive symptoms
  - Symptom duration is at least one month
  - There is clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning

To modify the measure to be compatible with DSM-5 criteria:
- Replace criterion A1 and A2 with exposure to actual or threatened death, serious injury, or sexual violence in one (or more) of the following ways:
  - Directly experiencing the traumatic event
  - Witnessing, in person, the event(s) as it occurred to others
  - Learning that the traumatic event(s) occurred to a close family member or close friend; in cases of actual or threatened death of a family member or friend, the event(s) must have been violent or accidental
  - Experiencing repeated or extreme exposure to aversive details of the traumatic event(s) (e.g., first responders collecting human remains; police officers repeatedly exposed to details of child abuse)

The TESI-C, semi structured interview, should only be administered by licensed individuals with experience working with childhood trauma or those under supervision of such individuals.