**PAS Program**

Psychological Assessment Services (PAS) is an SFDPH program within the Children, Youth and Families System of Care. PAS provides critical services to Child Welfare, Juvenile Justice, and Specialty Mental Health by managing referrals and conducting psychological assessments of children, adolescents, and caregivers. Psychological assessment services are conducted directly by PAS staff or are referred to a private/contract provider. Some of these assessments are court-ordered, such as for caregivers within Child Welfare and adolescents within Juvenile Justice. Others are based on medical necessity, such as for children or adolescents who are referred from Child Welfare or, on a more limited basis, from Specialty Mental Health.

**PAS Panel**

The PAS panel consists of independent contractor psychologists who serve referrals from our different systems, including court-ordered clients. PAS applicants must attest that they are practicing within their scope of expertise and commit to staying current on standards for psychological assessment.

Although not required to apply, we are especially eager to welcome providers who meet one or more of the following qualifications:

* Are qualified and interested in serving both adolescents and parents/caregivers
* Can effectively utilize telehealth methods and materials to provide services when in-person services are not possible
* Can competently conduct psychological assessment services in Spanish or other threshold languages
* Are qualified and equipped with the methods to conduct neuropsychological assessments

The PAS program provides a number of opportunities for support to panelists during the referral and service process. As independent contractors, panelists are responsible for maintaining their own office, testing libraries, malpractice insurance, and other practice needs. Compensation for these referrals is competitive; however, we do not guarantee referrals as there are numerous factors that influence the number of available referrals at any given time.

**Inquiries & Applications**

To learn more about becoming paneled to serve PAS referrals, please share your CV and statement of interest to PAS@sfdph.org or Briana.Loomis@sfdph.org.