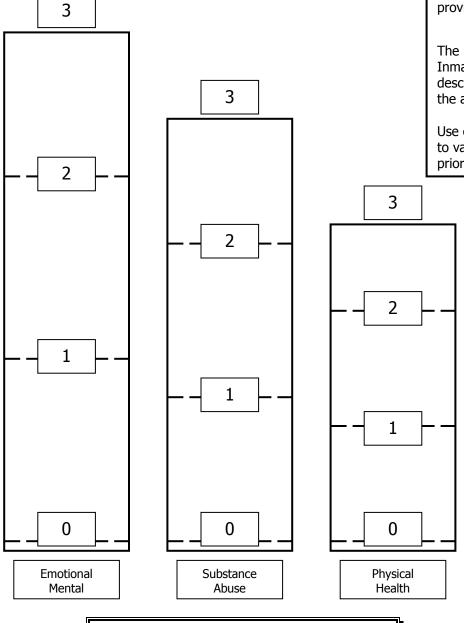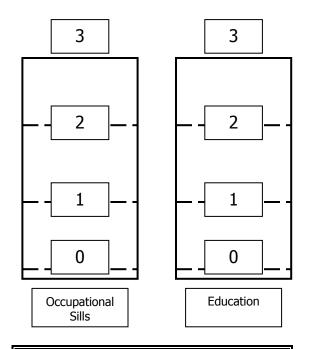# INMATE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Inmate Needs Assessment is designed to be a general assessment tool of six basic areas to assist Corrections personnel in determining appropriate programming options. It is not intended to replace initial screening at time of incarceration or to provide a professional assessment in any of the six categories.

MATRIX

The Matrix provides a quick visual reference of the information gathered in the Inmate Needs Assessment. A code should be selected for each category that best describes the inmate's level of need. The selected code should then be shaded in the appropriate category on the Matrix below.

Use of the Matrix, itself, is optional. The categories have been weighed accordingly to value so that the height of the column reflects a subjective estimate of the priority of need in each category.

Essential Programming Factors

Emotional Mental: 3, 2, 1, 0

Substance Abuse: 3, 2, 1, 0

Physical Health: 3, 2, 1, 0

Programming Enhancements

Occupational Sills: 3, 2, 1, 0

Education: 3, 2, 1, 0