

## CLINICAL UTILITY OF THE “CANS” FOR SUPERVISORS

**DATE & TIME:**

**March 19, 2024**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

***Sign-in begins 30 minutes prior to the training time. All participants are expected to log-in to the webcast during the sign-in period. Late arrivals will not be admitted.***

**PLACE:**

**WEBCAST – Via TEAMS–**

A link will be emailed to training participants a week prior to the training

**REGISTRATION :** **Register using this link:**

<https://eventshub.dmh.lacounty.gov/Account/Events/Trainings/Detail/12456>

The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) is a structured evaluation tool used for identifying youth and family needs amenable to intervention and strengths that can be capitalized upon. It provides a framework for developing and communicating a shared vision for addressing the needs. It utilizes youth and family information to inform planning, support decision making and monitor outcomes. This training will be aimed towards Supervisors and Program Managers of Legal Entity programs who administer the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strength (CANS) and Pediatric Symptom Checklist (PSC-35). The material will cover the clinical utility of the CANS and discuss ways of improving the clinical use of the CANS and how to incorporate the review of the CANS in supervision. The training will further demonstrate the clinical utility of the CANS by applying it to a case vignette. In addition, there will be a discussion of the challenges/barriers in implementing the CANS and how to change the culture of using the CANS.

**TARGET AUDIENCE: DMH Legal Entity Clinical Supervisors and/or Program Managers**

**OBJECTIVES:**

**As a result of attending this training, participants should be able to:**

1. Identify at least three powerful aspects of the CANS that can augment clinical work.
2. Identify the four scoring levels of the CANS and describe the therapeutic implications and meaning of each.
3. Discuss how to organize the needs from the CANS to develop a care plan.
4. Discuss how to organize the strengths from the CANS to develop a care plan.

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**DEADLINE:**

**03/12/2024** or when maximum capacity is reached

**CONTINUING  
EDUCATION:**

**3.0 CEU's for BBS, BRN, CCAPP-EI  
3.0 CEs for Psychologists**

**COST**

**NONE**