

“CANS” BOOSTER TRAINING

DATE & TIME:

December 16, 2025

9:00AM - 10:30AM

Sign-in begins 15 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: Web Broadcast – MS Teams

REGISTRATION: <https://eventshub.dmh.lacounty.gov/Account/Events/Trainings/Detail/13238>

DESCRIPTION: The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) is a multiple purpose information integration tool that is designed to be the output of the assessment process. Annual certification is required for providers who administer the CANS. This additional training is offered to enhance staff's understanding of how to accurately score the CANS. As a result, this training will be aimed towards staff who are already certified in the CANS. The material will cover a review of the CANS, an opportunity to rate some of the items from the CANS using a case vignette, review of key characteristics of the CANS, discussion of the challenges with rating the CANS, and an overview of helpful resources. This is not CANS training. This is a booster for those that are currently certified in CANS.

TARGET AUDIENCE: Legal Entity and Directly Operated Clinical Staff who are certified in the CANS.

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

1. Identify what part of the Immediate/Same Day Services Assessment is associated with the different domains of the CANS.
2. Describe how to rate the needs and strengths of the CANS by using the CANS Needs and Strengths Flow Chart.
3. Identify the key characteristics of the CANS.
4. Describe how to approach the vignette exam for CANS certification.

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DEADLINE: When maximum capacity is reached

**CONTINUING
EDUCATION:** None

COST: None