



PROVIDER ALERT

Optum Education YES Workshops: The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)

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Dear Provider,

The State of Idaho is in the process of designing and implementing a new children's mental health system of care for children and youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) called YES - Youth Empowerment Services.

The Praed Foundation developed the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS), which will be the approved assessment tool to measure child and family strengths and needs for children and adolescent Members up to 18 years of age. Praed has also developed Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management (TCOM), which manages complex data for outcome monitoring.

Beginning July 1, 2018, Network Providers who are CANS certified will be reimbursed by Optum for using the CANS assessment tool, along with the Comprehensive Diagnostic Assessment (CDA). It is critical that you transition to using the CANS, as it will be the required state approved assessment tool for all children and adolescents served under the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan as of July 1, 2019. At that time Optum Idaho will no longer reimburse for the CAFAS, PECFAS, and CALOCUS and services for child and adolescent Members will not be reimbursed without a completed CANS.

CANS Regional Workshops

Optum is partnering with Medicaid to assist providers with the transition to CANS by offering FOUR regional training workshops. These sessions will offer flexible, foundational training for clinicians, paraprofessionals, and administrative staff. This will ensure that Providers have access to training, clinical application, supervision, and consultation support to successfully implement key guiding principles of CANS in clinical practice. This information will also be useful in obtaining CANS certification. Workshops are now open for registration:

Course	Length	Target Participant	Boise	Boise	Pocatello	Moscow
CANS General Overview	1 day	All Staff	4/30	5/7	6/11	6/18
CANS Treatment Planning	½ day	MLC ¹ , CS ²	5/1	5/8	6/12	6/19
CANS Supervision	½ day	CS	5/1	5/8	6/12	6/19
CANS Trainer ³	1 day	MLC, CS	5/2	5/9	6/13	6/20
TCOM for Administrators	½ day	Leadership Staff	5/3	6/21	6/20	6/27
CANS Data Reports	½ day	MLC, CS	June/July	June/July	June/July	June/July

¹Master's level clinicians

²Clinical supervisors

³Trainer has additional requirements to obtain Praed Trainer certification

Please RSVP to optum.idaho.education@optum.com with agency or business name, names of staff attendees for each class, attendees email addresses, and include licensure and preferred location. There will be a maximum of 75 seats at each location so RSVP as soon as possible. We ask that agencies nominate up to two attendees per class for initial registration. If response exceeds demand, a wait list will be created and we will contact you if additional seats are available.

The Praed Foundation also offers on-demand training for Providers who may not have the flexibility to attend in person training or who may live outside the training locations. General information about online CANS training and certification is located at www.tcomtraining.com.

All Providers, regardless of participation at the in-person workshops or through on demand trainings, will need to obtain online certification for an annual fee of \$12 and can do so at www.tcomtraining.com.

Thank you for the work that you do for children and adolescent Members to improve their health and wellbeing.

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