



Montana CANS

A SUMMARY FOR OUR PARTNERS

- CANS is required as a part of standard care and will guide planning and measuring outcomes.
 - CANS is comprehensive and integrates a lot of information.
 - CANS focuses on both needs and strengths.
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- Youth and families are engaged as partners and also help to complete the CANS.
 - CANS helps youth and families tell their story but reduces the need to repeat the story again and again.
 - CANS is an item level tool, so each item has its own rating.
 - The ratings translate immediately into an action.
 - The rating numbers allow the important people in a youth's life to easily communicate what the youth's needs and strengths are, and if action is needed.
 - The focus is on the youth's needs, not on temporary services that may cover up the true needs.
 - CANS considers a youth's and family's culture.
- CANS creates a common starting point for case discussions.
 - CANS helps provide direction for planning.
 - There should be a connection between the ratings on the CANS and the current plan for the youth. CANS creates transparency and accountability for all involved.
 - CANS helps support team decisions.
 - CANS monitors progress for the youth and family.



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