

Congratulations! You have completed your Montana CANS Certification training.

***You are now eligible to attempt CANS certification.***

Montana CANS certification is done through the Praed Foundation CANS training website at

[www.canstraining.com](http://www.canstraining.com)

- To become certified to use the tool you must read a 1-page fictional vignette and rate items on the Montana CANS.
- You must score at least a .70 to pass certification.
- The certification is valid for one year and to continue using the CANS tool you must recertify annually.
- The cost to become certified and have access to the CANS training website is \$10 per year and is the responsibility of the individual provider. Providers should check with their specific agency to determine if the cost of the CANS Training site membership is reimbursable.
- Once registered, you can visit [www.canstraining.com](http://www.canstraining.com) at any time to refresh your CANS information or take a practice vignette to refresh rating a CANS. We encourage you to take full advantage of the site.

**Here are the next steps you need to become CANS certified and have full access to the Praed Foundation CANS Training site. See screenshots on page 2 for more details.**

1. Go to [www.canstraining.com](http://www.canstraining.com) Recommended Browsers: Chrome, Safari or Firefox
2. Click 'Register' to create an account
3. Complete your profile by creating a username and password and add demographic information.
4. Choose Montana for your jurisdiction and select your agency affiliation.
5. Once you have completed the registration process click on the green 'Get access!' button.
6. Go to 'billing information', complete payment information and click 'complete transaction'.

*Please note: You must finalize your registration and payment to have access to the materials.*

7. Click 'Profile Overview' – Click on **Montana CANS** box
  8. Please use practice vignettes by clicking '**Practice Tests**' box BEFORE you attempt certification
  9. When you are ready to attempt certification please click '**Final Exam**' box on the bottom right of the page.
- You have 2 hours to complete the test. You can close the page and when you return to the site it will resume your saved test.
  - You will have 3 chances to pass the test.

#### Helpful Tips

**Use your Montana CANS Reference Guide for the test and in practice.**

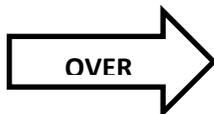
**Refer to the item- and rating-specific definitions to ensure reliable ratings.**

- Read vignette assumptions
- Consider anchor definitions
- Child Strengths: Rate the Strengths -“best”
- No evidence for Strengths: Rate 3
- Caregiver Domain: Rate the worst and who impacts child most
- Look for evidence to support item ratings
- What level of action would you take based on evidence and rating definitions
- Life Functioning Domain: Rate the Needs -“worst”
- No evidence for Needs: Rate 0
- Refer to your CANS reference manual often to ensure evidence supported rating per item.

See next page for [www.canstraining.com](http://www.canstraining.com) screenshots as a reference to the steps outlined above.



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A large number of individuals have participated in the mass collaboration to develop and refine various versions of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths information integration tool. These include CANS for various child serving areas such as mental health, developmental disabilities, juvenile justice, child welfare, and the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) CANS-Comprehensive. The CANS information integration tool is designed to support individual case planning and the planning and evaluation of service systems. The CANS-Comprehensive is an open domain tool for use in service delivery systems that address the mental health of children, adolescents, and their families. The copyright is held by the Praed Foundation to ensure that it remains free to use for those who are trained and certified in CANS.

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Beginning December 1, 2011, Montana identified the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) as the functional assessment tool that state agencies and providers will use to communicate youth and family needs and strengths. This effort is intended to support Montana youth's and families' resilience in their challenges with mental illness. Many assisted with the process of identifying, customizing, and adopting the CANS for Montana. Among those are Montana providers of Children's Mental Health Services and System of Care Planning Committee (SOC) members, which includes representatives from:

**Montana CANS**

- How to Use the CANS
- Introduction
- Action Levels of the CANS
- Exposure to Potentially Traumatic/Adverse Childhood Experiences Domain
- Child Strengths
- Life Functioning Domain
- Cultural Considerations Domain
- Child Behavioral/Emotional Needs Domain
- Child Risk Behaviors
- Ratings of Children Five Years Old and Younger
- Transition to Adulthood
- Caregiver Resources and Needs
- Practice Tests
- Final Exam

If you have specific questions about the Montana CANS please e-mail [HHSDSDMTCANSInformation@mt.gov](mailto:HHSDSDMTCANSInformation@mt.gov) or call the Children's Mental Health Bureau at 406-444-4545.