



Montana CANS

A SUMMARY FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

- CANS is required as a part of standard care and will guide planning and track progress.
- Youth and families are engaged as partners to help to complete the CANS.
- CANS considers a youth's and family's culture.
- CANS is comprehensive and integrates a lot of information.



- CANS focuses on both needs and strengths.
- The focus is on the youth's needs, not on temporary services that may cover up the the current needs.
- CANS ratings translate immediately into an action.
- CANS is an item level tool, so each item has its own rating and leads to action if necessary. There is no complicated scoring or interpretations.
- CANS creates a common starting point for discussions, treatment planning and can be used to monitor outcomes.
- CANS helps youth and families tell their story but reduces the need to repeat the story again and again.



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