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To: All DCS Staff
From: Sarah Sailors, Deputy Director of Field Operations
Subject: Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment (CANS) SuperUser Certification
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The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) utilizes a comprehensive Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment to document and communicate the strengths and needs of the child and caregiver(s) to assist in determining the appropriate level of behavioral health services for children based on their identified strengths and needs. All Family Case Manager (FCM) Supervisors are required to attend CANS SuperUser classroom training to become certified as a CANS SuperUser/Implementation Coach, which enables them to support CANS users. To maintain CANS SuperUser/Implementation Coach status, FCM Supervisors must then:

1. Attend a CANS SuperUser Booster training during each state fiscal year (July 1 – June 30); and
2. Maintain annual online CANS Certification for both CANS tools, with a reliability at .75 or higher, via the [Transformational Collaborative Outcomes Management \(TCOM\) Training Website](#).

See policy [5.19 Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths \(CANS\) Assessment](#) and [CANS ANSA SuperUser Certification Requirements](#) for additional information.

DCS, in collaboration with the Indiana University (IU) School of Social Work, is pleased to announce a **one-time only** opportunity for previously certified CANS SuperUsers to retain or reinstate SuperUser status (as an alternative to the annual in-person Booster training) through completion of an online CANS and Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA) Overview Course. Annual completion of online CANS Certification for both CANS tools, with a reliability at .75 or higher is also required.



Exception: Individuals who have already taken the online CANS and ANSA Overview Course as a prerequisite to a Training for New CANS/ANSA SuperUsers, may NOT utilize this option.

Instructions for registering for an IU Expand Account for use in completing the online CANS and ANSA Overview Course may be found at [Creating an IU Expand Guest Account](#). Upon completion of the course the FCM Supervisor must email the certificate of completion, from the IU School of Social Work, to INTCOM@iu.edu and to the DCS CANS mailbox at: DCS.CANS@dcs.in.gov.

Questions regarding CANS Certification, including SuperUser Certification, may be addressed to the CANS mailbox at: DCS.CANS@dcs.in.gov.

Sincerely,



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