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The purpose of this transmittal is to update PCC and PCP staff on the status of Project SAFESPACE, which has now been incorporated into practice and referred to simply as behavioral health screening and assessment. As of June 1, 2018, the behavioral health screening and assessment process piloted through the SAFESPACE grant initiative has been implemented in all DCBS Service Regions. *This is no longer a federal demonstration project and is now considered standard practice for children in out of home care.* All children who enter out-of-home care will receive a screener by their DCBS worker within 10 days of entry. The DCBS focus is now on integration and sustainability. Below is an outline of DCBS and provider expectations and supports post-implementation:

All PCCs/PCPs may expect the following from DCBS staff:

- Completed 886A;
- Continued completion of agency intake forms; and
- Standardized screeners within fifteen (15) days of entry into out-of-home care (uploaded to Gentrack).

All PCCs/PCPs will ensure the following are completed:

- Completion of the **KY-CANS**, including the CANS Assessment Report, for all children who have screened in for an assessment, by a CANS certified clinician, using the CANS web-based application (KIDnet);
- Use of PCC-006 to track which children require a CANS Assessment;
- The initial CANS should be completed within 30 days of placement, or at the next due date according to the PCC-006 Report;
- CANS Assessments are to be updated every 90 days including completion of the CANS Assessment Report documenting progress or change since the last assessment and treatment to be provided;
- Facilitation of CANS training using a Praed Foundation approved curriculum. Agencies are responsible for maintaining CANS certification for their staff.



The following supports will be available to providers to assist with ongoing implementation:

- Access to a Clinical Consultant;
- Regional CANS training sessions scheduled as needed;
- Access to CANS web-based application (KIDnet) for all children beyond the out-of-home-care population.

See attachment for additional information regarding CANS Training Guidelines.

While requirements regarding the use of the CANS have not previously been included in the PCC Agreement, it is the intent of the Cabinet to include such requirements in the next PCC Agreement, in addition to the requirements of 922 KAR 1:360.

If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact Brittany Stanley, Social Service Specialist, SAFESPACE (Brittany.Stanley@ky.gov) or Lizzie Minton, Clinical Consultant (Lizzie.Minton@ky.gov).

KY-CANS Training Guidelines

As previously discussed with all KY-CANS Certified trainers, federal funding for Project SAFESPACE ended September 30, 2018, ongoing screening and assessment for trauma and behavioral health needs will be integrated into standard practice with children in out-of-home care. As of that date, each agency has the ability to utilize their CANS Certified Trainers to train any additional staff needed by that agency. Since some of the agencies in the state do not have trainers, we encourage agencies to collaborate with each other to schedule training sessions. Below is a list of materials needed for training and guidelines for training. These guidelines include a combination of requirements of the Praed Foundation (the agency who certifies clinicians and trainers) and the recommendations from DCBS about CANS Training. For additional information or training needs, support, or materials, please contact Lizzie Minton (Lizzie.Minton@ky.gov).

Materials Available for Your Use:

- KY-CANS 5+ Manual
- KY-CANS 0-4 Manual (this can be emailed to participants since it will not be used in training)
- KY-CANS 0-4 Scoresheet
- KY-CANS 5+ Scoresheet (2)
- CANS Tipsheet
- Sample CANS Assessment Report (Damon York)
- Blank CANS Assessment Report - Mike
- "Mike" vignette
- Suggested Scores for Mike Vignette (for trainer only)
- Copy of PowerPoint in handout form
- Copy of PowerPoint Notes Pages (for trainer only)

KY-CANS Training Recommendations:

- The above materials are designed for an eight-hour face-to-face training;
- Standardized PowerPoint and activities developed for use of the KY-CANS can be adapted for your agency;
- One hour is preferable for the large practice vignette;
- Praed Foundations Requires administration by Super Users (Trainers) only currently meeting all requirements to be certified by the Praed Foundation as trainers;
- Participants will use the Praed Foundation's online training platform to complete their certification test (<http://www.schoox.com/academy/cansacademy>).