

# Become a CANS-Certified Provider



IN 2020, MORE THAN 16,500 CHILDREN IN TEXAS WERE REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES AND PLACED INTO FOSTER CARE.

## Help Foster Care Children in Your Area.

Upon entering the care of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), all foster care children and youth 3-17 years of age, need a Texas Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) 2.0 Welfare Assessment, per state requirements. CANS serves as a comprehensive psychosocial assessment, and includes a trauma and suicide screening.



### **The initial CANS assessment must be completed:**

- Within the first 30 days of care, to gather information about the child's strengths and needs. This information helps with decisions for a child's permanency planning, placement and level of care.
- By a licensed clinician contracted with Superior HealthPlan for STAR Health (foster care) members, who is certified to administer the tool.



### **To become a CANS-certified provider:**

1. Access the CANS training at [www.tcomtraining.com](http://www.tcomtraining.com) - The Texas CANS Comprehensive 2.0 (Child Welfare) is the appropriate version to complete your required certification. The training cost is \$12. Discount coupon codes can be requested for groups of five or more by emailing Lauren Schmidt, Distance Learning Operations Lead, University of Kentucky at [lauren.schmidt@uky.edu](mailto:lauren.schmidt@uky.edu).
2. Complete entire training to receive certification.
3. Submit CANS certificate to [txcans@SuperiorHealthPlan.com](mailto:txcans@SuperiorHealthPlan.com) - Please include your National Provider Identifier (NPI) on the certificate or in the email.



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