

# Provider Data Verification Poll – Training Interest in Substance Use Disorder Treatment

To support workforce development in substance use disorder (SUD) training, the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP) SUPPORT team and Carelon Behavioral Health of Connecticut (Carelon BH CT) Provider Relations team included survey questions in the pre-existing [Provider Data Verification Survey](#). These questions aim to gather information on the training needs and interests of providers. The responses will help shape future training sessions and ensure the availability of relevant resources.

The top three categories chosen by group practices and independent practitioners include:

- ✓ **harm reduction approaches to the treatment of SUD**
- ✓ **non-pharmacological interventions for SUD**
- ✓ **standardized SUD screening tools**

For additional information on Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) and Adolescent-SBIRT including trainings, resources, and materials, please visit the following website.

<https://health.uconn.edu/sbirtacademy/ct-sbirt-program/>

For additional information on harm reduction including trainings, resources, and materials, please visit the following website:

<https://portal.ct.gov/dmhas/initiatives/dmhas-initiatives/harm-reduction>

Additionally, please look for upcoming CT BHP educational forums and community trainings that will support some of the other areas of interest! Email invites are sent in advance, and you can also access upcoming trainings and past recordings here:

<https://providers.ctbhp.com/providers/educational-forums/>

Thank you for all the work that you do to support our HUSKY Health members in CT!

*Figure 1 Percent of total responses to the question “What types of SUD Training(s) are you interested in?” by training topic and provider type*



*While the clinic/facility setting responses were lower, they also indicated harm reduction approaches to SUD as a primary training interest topic.*

The SUPPORT team is a grant program defined as the Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act: Section 1003.

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## Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services & Language Best Practices

Developed by the Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) standards offer a blueprint for organizations to improve the quality of their care and services, and to address health care disparities. They also help organizations meet legislative, regulatory and accreditation mandates. Best practices in language services continue to be highlighted as an area of interest and need by our provider network in CT. To support this, please see the materials made available for your use via the links below.

<https://www.connectingtocarect.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Resources-for-Communication-and-Languages.-updated-9.2024.pdf>

[CLAS STANDARDS Language Services \(connectingtocarect.org\)](#)

The Connecting to Care initiative is a statewide effort to blend and integrate all child-serving systems in the state into one Network of Care that serves all children and families equally and effectively. At the same time, it aligns the national CLAS standards with the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) statewide racial justice framework. Through Connecting to Care, Carelon Behavioral Health CT supports the provider community in the implementation of CLAS standards and development of health equity plans.

The ConnectingtoCareCT.org website now has a **new** Health Equity section which can be found here! <https://www.connectingtocarect.org/about-us/health-equity/> It includes a CLAS Library page to help providers develop, enhance, and evaluate Health Equity Plans. Additionally, the website can now be translated into multiple languages, increasing access to available resources and information.



### Did you know?

Individuals who receive effective language and communication services are more likely to follow treatment recommendations and plans, improve their health and be more overall satisfied with care. ([Think Cultural Health: Guide to Providing Effective Communication and Language Assistance Services](#)).