



Partner to Transform Systems and Embrace
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Seventh Annual iCAN Conference Showcases Behavioral Health Services, Programs and Resources Available to Medicaid Recipients, Agencies and Providers throughout State

Many Connecticut families have loved ones who require services for mental health and substance use disorders in order to live their lives to the fullest potential. Unfortunately, they may face challenges navigating a complex behavioral health system in order to access appropriate treatment and coordinate care.

For this reason, the Consumer and Family Advisory Council (CFAC) of the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CT BHP) and Beacon Health Options are proud to host the seventh annual iCAN Conference. This free, live, virtual event will take place Thursday, September 22, 2022 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

The goals of the iCAN Conference are to help consumers and families to successfully navigate and self-advocate for services; and for providers, advocates and other stakeholders to share their capabilities and ideas with the public. Last year, over 249 registrants participated in ten workshops and a general session.

The theme of this year's conference is "Partnering to Transform Systems and Embrace Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion." Workshops will include everything from "*Diversity in Behavioral Healthcare*" to "*Caring for our Aging and Disabled Loved Ones*", from "*Suicide Awareness and Prevention*" to "*Emerging Young Adults*".

Numerous provider and consumer partners will participate, along with representatives from the CT BHP Partnership from, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), the Department of Children and Families (DCF), and the Department of Social Services (DSS).

"The iCAN Conference is a collaborative effort among consumers, families, agencies, advocates, and various supporters invested in strengthening and increasing access for all individuals and families to the state's health care system," said Yvonne Jones, Beacon CT Director of Diversity and Community Engagement. "We hope this year's event will raise awareness about the many behavioral health resources available and how to get the most from them."

A communication will be sent to CTBHP communities in the near future for you to register for the iCAN Conference.