

**Special Edition****March 2024**

What's New

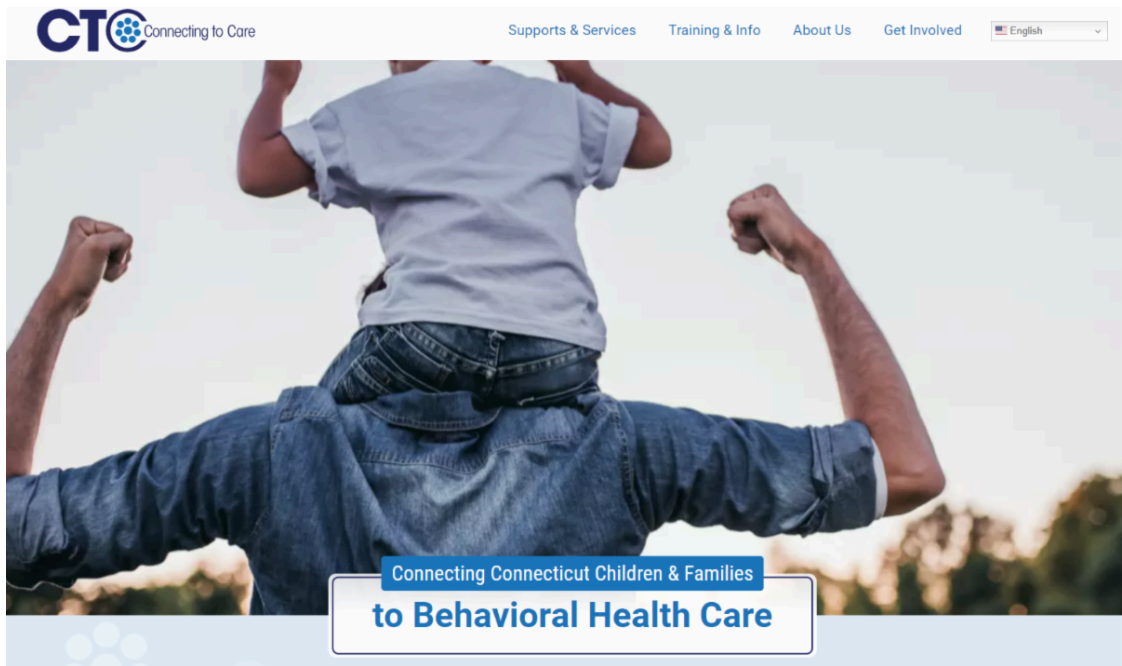
Grant Awarded

The State of Connecticut has been awarded a four-year System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

A four-year System of Care grant has been awarded to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This new grant, **Connecting Schools to Care IV Students (CONNECT IV)**, will focus on expanding and integrating trauma-informed comprehensive school mental health supports with the existing community-based network of care.

The Child Health and Development Institute (CHDI) will serve as the Coordinating Center for the grant and will work with DCF and the grant-funded partners: Carelon Behavioral Health, FAVOR, Inc. and the Consultation Center at Yale. For questions or to learn more, visit: [Plan4children.org](https://www.plan4children.org)

New Look & More Resources!
Connecting to Care CT Website



The State of Connecticut is working on improving Children's Behavioral Health supports and services. On Connecting to Care CT you will find information that will help you better understand, navigate, and find children's behavioral health services near you.

Assisted Intervention Matching Tool ◯

Understanding Supports & Services ◯

Learn About Care Coordination ◯

Find Supports & Services ◯

What's Your Mental Health Plan ◯

The ConnectingtoCareCT.org website site has new features along with a fresh look and feel. The website can now be viewed in multiple languages. The site helps visitors find and understand the variety of behavioral health supports and services available in Connecticut. The site also provides links to sign up for family advocacy trainings by FAVOR, Inc. and Wraparound trainings through WrapCT.

[Visit the website to explore the many new features!](#)

[Visit ConnectingtoCareCT.org](https://www.connectingtocarect.org)

Website visitors can also try the newly expanded **Assisted Intervention Matching (AIM) tool**. The tool guides the user through a series of questions to help identify behavioral health services well-matched to the child's/family's needs. The tool was recently expanded to include both in-home and clinic-based care.



Family Assistance and Social Determinant Funds

For a limited time, funding assistance is available, for families that qualify, to help pay for mental health and/or substance use intervention, treatment or medication for their children.

Providers or families can complete the funding request form and can either fax it to 833-370-8773 or email it to FASD@carelon.com. For more information, check out the FASD flyer and the Request Form below.

[FASD Flyer \(Eng\)](#)

[FASD Flyer \(Span\)](#)

[FASD Request Form](#)

Building Community Community Collaboratives



Community Collaboratives bring together child-serving providers (behavioral health, school, primary care, social services and more), as well as families, caregivers, youth, and community members to work collaboratively to identify gaps and build a better system of care. This work ensures that services meet the changing social, emotional, and behavioral needs of children, adolescents and their families.

**Connecticut has 25 Community Collaboratives across the state.
Find one near you!**

Find your local Community Collaborative!

The Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (CBHAC) meets on the first Friday of each month, from 10am-12pm.

CBHAC's mission is to promote and enhance the provision of behavioral health services for all children in Connecticut. Appointed members and community guests attend monthly meetings to address these needs across the state. This committee submits an annual report that provides recommendations concerning behavioral health service delivery.

CBHAC is a statewide meeting and open to the public. If you are interested in attending and receiving email communications from CBHAC, please click on **Join Our Mission below.**

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