

# Stepping Up! CANVaS 2.0



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# During this workshop, we will...



- Review changes made to the CANS assessments
  - Why?
    - ✦ Two types of changes
- Walk through changes in CANVaS software
  - Why?
  - What?
- Discuss the role of the (former) DSU/RA, now the Local Administrator

# CANS and DSS



How do we improve the utility of the CANS for those children and families served by local departments of social services while retaining the integrity of the cross-agency tool?

# Convergence



- Strengthening Families
- Protective Factors Framework (Illinois)
  - Parental Resilience
  - Social Connections
  - Concrete Support in Times of Need
  - Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
  - Social and Emotional Competence of Children
- Three Branch focus on child well-being in the child welfare system
- “Trauma Letter” from three federal agencies
- Updating CANVaS software

# CANS and DSS



- Workgroup formed in November 2013
  - Composed of state VDSS state, OCS staff and LDSS staff
  - Review the existing CANS and focus on ways to strengthen the LDSS use of the assessment
  - Focused on review of draft of Illinois Trauma-Informed Child Welfare CANS
  - Comparison to our existing CANS
  - Identified items/concepts that would be organized under the protective factors framework
  - CANS to screen for trauma, not a clinical tool

# Activities of Workgroup



- Addition of a child welfare module which includes items of specific relevance to this population
- An enhanced Trauma module
- Ability to rate up to 3 caregivers for LDSS
- Several specific reports including:
  - A parent/guardian focused report centered on capabilities for permanence and protective factors

# Other Text Changes include...



- Minor changes in text on items
- “Natural Support” and “Social and Family Connections” are now consistent
- Rewording of safety item/CPS
- Social Behavior is now “Intentional Misbehavior”
- Added “school” to “Community Violence”

# CANVaS 2.0



- Other broad-based enhancements to improve overall user functionality and reporting capabilities for all CANS users
  - Improved “look” of website and user interface
  - Use of existing report previously unavailable
  - “Suite” of Reports created for this software version
  - More local autonomy in account management