



## Connecting Children to Behavioral Health Services

Untreated behavioral and developmental problems in children can have a profound impact on their health and well-being.

Nationally, only one in five children who need behavioral health services receives them, while an overwhelming majority of pediatric primary care providers in Connecticut report that their patients have difficulty obtaining behavioral health services.

The Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership, a collaboration of the state Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Department of Social Services (DSS), offers a single point of access for all behavioral health services for children and their parents who are insured by HUSKY A or B. This program improves access to care and provides supports for primary care providers in addressing the behavioral health needs of their pediatric patients.

In this module of the EPIC program, you will learn how to use the Behavioral Health Partnership to give children and families the support they need in connecting with behavioral health services through the partnership program.

The *Connecting Children to Behavioral Health Services* module is provided through the Educating Practices in the Community (EPIC) program. A professional trainer will visit your practice at a time that is convenient for you and provide a brief presentation to you and your entire staff on the Behavioral Health Partnership.

### Presentation Objectives

- Learn about the Behavioral Health Partnership and its various services
- Learn how to find the right behavioral services for your patients
- Learn how to collaborate efficiently (and with a minimum of time and effort) with behavioral health providers who serve your patients

### EPIC provides:


- Referral resources
- Lunch or snack



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