

Acronyms

Acronyms: An Acronym just makes for a shorter point of reference (rather than spelling a name) and sometimes they can be very confusing. The following list is designed to help you at least part of the dilemma. We have included the most common behavioral health acronyms. If we missed some, we apologize.

Acronym	Definition
ABH	Advanced Behavioral Health – a private agency and an administrative service organization under a DMHAS contract (state)
ARG	Area Resource Group, formally known as Regional Resource Groups (DCF - state)
ACT	Assertive Community Treatment - evidence-based practice, highly intensive case management services and are frequently provided on a daily basis (federal and DMHAS - state)
ADA	American with Disabilities Act (federal)
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
ADPC	Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Policy Council – established under Public Act 97-248 as statutory body to review policies and practices of state abuse prevention services and the referral of person to such programs and services, and criminal justice sanctions. (state)
AHRT	Ad Hoc Review Team is a sub-group of the Community Resource Committee (DCF - state)
AIAC	Alternatives to Incarceration Advisory Committee (state)
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
APRNs	Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (Nurse Practitioner)
ASMHPC	Adult State Mental Health Planning Council – DMHAS’ adult planning council, part of Joint State Mental Health Planning Council (federally mandated) (DMHAS - state)
ASO	Administrative Services Organization – assists the state with certain functions such as claims processing, enrolling and verifying the credentials of providers, and performing utilization management functions such as prior authorization, continued stays, and discharge reviews. (CT Behavioral Health Partnership)
ATR	Access to Recovery – Purpose is to increase access to clinical substance abuse treatment and recovery support services for individuals with substance abuse disorders or individuals with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders. A federal CSAT –funded grant (federal and state)
AU	Advocacy Unlimited, Inc – non-profit consumer/ persons in recovery advocacy group (state)
Basic Tables	Mental Health data required for the CMHS Block Grant State Plan and Application, part of DIG grant (federal, part of uniform reporting system) (federal and state)

Acronym	Definition
BECK II	Instrument to screen and refer middle school students for mental health concerns (pilot) (state)
BERS	Behavioral Emotional Rating Scales
BHDS	Behavioral Health Data System (DCF- state)
BHH	Blue Hills Hospital – DMHAS state-operated substance abuse hospital located in Hartford; (DMHAS - state)
BNA	Bureau of National Affairs (national)
BNP	Basic Needs Program – an innovative case management resource that reduces barriers to care through non-cash supports that assist clients to concentrate on clinical aspects of recovery; non-cash supports include such items as vouchers for food and clothing and direct payments to landlords and utility companies for housing related expenses. The BNP replaced direct cash payments to clients, many of whom were substance dependent. (state)
BHME	Behavioral Health, Medicine and Education, Bureau of (DCF – state)
BHU	Behavioral Health Unit
BRCMH	Blue Ribbon Commission on Mental Health - The Governor established this Commission on Mental Health in January of 2000 charged with examining issues concerning mental illness and making recommendations to embrace and improve Connecticut’s mental health care system. (state)
BRFSS	Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System – a 12-month rolling telephone survey of health issues funded by the CDC and implemented by DPH. Tool to evaluate relationships between mental illness, chronic disease and health behaviors. In 2006, CT implemented the Depression and Anxiety module with a sample size of 5,000 adults. In 2007, CT will implemented Kessler–6 (K-6), a standardized and validated measure of serious psychological distress (SPD) that is designed to help estimate prevalence of serious mental illness in the community populations and factors related to perceived stigma and access to mental health care.
Bridge Subsidy	A state funded rental assistance program, which provides a monthly housing subsidy payment to person with a psychiatric disorder on a temporary basis while the individual /family is on a waiting list for permanent state and/or federal housing subsidy (DMHAS - state)
BRS	Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (part of the CT Department of Social Services for administrative purposes) (DSS - state)
CABLE	CT Alliance to Benefit Law-Enforcement
CACs	Catchment Area Councils – 23 local grassroots involvement in identifying needs and monitoring services in Connecticut (DMHAS – state)
CADAC	CT Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission – substance abuse treatment state agency which merged with the DMH (state)
CADPC	Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Policy Council (state)

Acronym	Definition
CAFAP	Connecticut Association of Foster and Adoptive Parents (DCF- state)
CASSP	Child and Adolescent Service System Program; Also “System of Care” or Community Collaborative
CBHAC	Children’s Behavioral Health Advisory Council – DCF’s Children’s Mental Health Planning Council (CMHPC); charged is to promote and enhance the provision of behavioral health services for all children. (DCF- state)
CBRC	Connecticut Blue Ribbon Commission (state)
CBT	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (DCF - state)
CC	Care Coordinator (DCF - state)
CCAR	Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery – non-profit consumer/ persons in recovery advocacy group (state)
CCB	Connecticut Certification Board (state)
CCNC	Connecticut Children’s Health Council (state)
CCKC	Connecticut Community KidCare (DCF – state)
CCM	Care and Case Management (DMHAS – state)
CCP	Connecticut Children’s Place – provides residential care and education al instruction for abused and neglected children between the ages of 10 and 18 (state)
CCSU	Central Connecticut State University located in New Britian (state)
CDC	Centers for Disease Control (federal)
CDVA	Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs (state)
CGTP	Compulsive Gambling Treatment Program (DMHAS – state)
CH	Cedarcrest Hospital – DMHAS state-operated psychiatric hospital providing acute care in Newington (DMHAS – state)
CHAP	Community Housing Assistance Program – a semi-supervised, subsidized, housing component for youth ready for less supervision and more independence (DCF- state)
Child Guidance Clinics	Outpatient Psychiatric Clinics for Children (DCF- state)
CHFA	Connecticut Housing and Financial Authority (state)
CHOC	Connecticut Helps Oversight Council – established shortly after September 11, 2001 to provide a forum for state and local relief agencies to share and coordinate information (state)
CHRO	Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (state)
CIT	Crisis Intervention Team – program trains police officers to interact in a constructive manner with individuals with psychiatric disorders. Funds mental health professional to work collaboratively with CIT officers (federal and DMHAS – state)
CJCA	Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators
CJTS	Connecticut Juvenile Training School (DCF – state)

Acronym	Definition
CLRP	Connecticut Legal Rights Project – private non-profit agency defends the rights of person with mental illness (state)
CMHC	Connecticut Mental Health Center – DMHAS state-operated psychiatric inpatient and outpatient services located in New Haven (state)
CMHGH	Connecticut Mental Health Group Home
CMHP	Comprehensive Mental Health Plan – required as part of the MHT-SIG
CMHPC	Connecticut Mental Health Policy Council (state)
CMHS	Community Mental Health Services (federal)
CMHSB	Community Mental Health Strategy Board – makes decisions on funding adult and children’s mental health services through the CMHSIF (state)
CMHS BG	Community Mental Health Block Grant – federally funded block grant for community-based services for adults with SMI and Children with SED (federal and state)
CMHSIF	Community Mental Health Strategic Investment Fund (state)
COE	Center for Excellence
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
Community Collaboratives	Twenty-seven (27) Community Collaboratives collectively serve children with SED and their families; Also “System of Care” (DCF – state)
Core Services	DMHAS mental health infrastructure (DMHAS – state)
CORH	Connecticut Office of Rural Health – state agency on rural health (state)
CORP	CT Offender Re-Entry Program (4 locations) DMHAS managed – assist incarcerated individuals with severe psychiatric disability providing case management and treatment services so that an effective and purposeful transition to the community is achieved (federally funded – Department of Justice and state)
CO-SIG	Co-Occurring State Incentive Grant - five-year \$4 million grant focused on implementing, screening, network building and coordination and information sharing (federal and DMHAS - state)
CMS	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (federal and state)
CPS	Child Protection Services (DCF – state)
CQI	Continuous Quality Improvement (DCF – state)
CRC	Community Resource Committees, formally known as Case Review Committees- consists of a broad community representation and its responsible for administration/financial support and assistance to Child Specific Teams, identification of service gaps in the local system, program planning and development and identification of potential new funding sources (DCF - state)
CRH	Cedarcrest Regional Hospital – DMHAS state-operated acute psychiatric hospital in Newington (DMHAS – state)
CSN	Community Services Network (DMHAS – state)
CSORH	Connecticut State Office of Rural Health (state)

Acronym	Definition
CSAT	Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (federal)
CSCI	Comprehensive Systems Change Initiative (juvenile justice)
CSH	Community Services and Hospitals (formally Office of Behavioral Health) (DMHAS – state)
CSH	Corporation for Supportive Housing (national non-profit supportive housing organization)
CSSD	Court Supported Services Division – Judicial Branch (state)
CST	Child Specific Teams, sometimes called Service Review teams, may include, but not limited to, family members, DCF social worker, a Care Coordinator, mental health and social service providers and a Family Advocate. Family being served determines those individuals/entities that are invited to participate in the development of their child’s Individual Service Plan (ISP). Each team is responsible for individualized planning, the designation of a Care Coordinator, and the implementation of services (DCF-state)
CT-Core	Connecticut’s new fiscal computerized accounting system (state)
CTNG	Connecticut National Guard (state)
CTMHGH	Connecticut Mental Health Group Home (state)
Cultural Change Retreat	Stakeholders focus on critical recovery elements (i.e. standards, staff development, communications, collaboration and self-determination)
CVH	Connecticut Valley Hospital – DMHAS state-operated psychiatric hospital providing long-term and intermediate care to forensic and general psychiatric clients in Middletown (DMHAS - state)
CYSAB	Connecticut Youth Suicide Advisory Board (state)
CYVPI	Connecticut Youth Violence Prevention Initiative – funded by CMHS, implementing a culturally and gender-sensitive prevention intervention with court-involved and a-risk girls (federal and state)
DARC	Drug and Alcohol Recovery Counselor program at Gateway Community College (state)
DAS	Department of Administrative Services (state)
DBT	Dialectical Behavioral Therapy
DCF	Department of Children and Families – responsible mental health and supportive services to children with SED, protective services for children, foster care (DCF - state)
DECD	Department of Economic and Community Development – housing and community development (state)
DEMHS	Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (state)
Developmental Tables	Optional mental health data which are in the early stages of development (federal, part of DIG grant and uniform reporting system)
DHE	Department of Higher Education (state)

Acronym	Definition
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services (federal)
DHI	Department of Hearing Impaired (state)
DIG	Mental Health Data Infrastructure Grant – to help state implement and report URS data. (Basic and Development Tables as part of Uniform Reporting System (federal and state)
DMH	Department of Mental Health – mental health treatment state agency which merged with the CADAC (state)
DMHAS	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services – responsible for mental health and addiction supportive services to adults with SMI who are indigent or medically indigent (state)
DMR	Department of Mental Retardation (state)
DOC	Department of Correction (state)
DOIT	Department of Information Technology (state)
DOJ	U.S. Department of Justice (federal)
DOL	Department of Labor (federal)
DPH	Department of Public Health (state)
DSM - IV	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders – Fourth Edition
DSS	Department of Social Services - state's Medicaid authority (state)
Dually Diagnosed	Persons with co-occurring substance use and psychiatric disorders
EBP/S	Evidence-based Practices – services for people with severe mental illness (consumers) that have demonstrated positive outcomes in multiple research studies (federal and state)
ECC	Enhanced Care Coordination (DCF – state)
ECC	Enhanced Care Clinics - A subclass of Community Mental Health Centers (DCF - state)
ECCP	Early Childhood Consultation Partnership – a mental health consultation program designed to meet the social/emotional needs of children birth to five by offering support, education and consultation to those who care for them (DCF – state)
ECCS	Early Childhood Consultants – build the capacity of early childcare providers and families to decrease the suspension/expulsion rates of children with behavioral and social/emotional needs in early care settings and promote and facilitate the early identification of young children's mental health needs and respond with appropriate services and referrals before escalate and become a mental health crisis (DCF- state)
ED	Emergency Department of a general hospital
EDT	Extended Day Treatment (DCF – state)
EMPS	Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services (DCF- state)
EMS	Emergency Medical Services (state)
EMT	Emergency response technicians
EPSDT	Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment

Acronym	Definition
EQMI	Evaluation, Quality Management and Improvement Division (DMHAS – state)
ERS	Electronic Registration System (DMHAS – GA BHP – state)
FASU	Foster and Adoption Support Units (DCF – state)
FAVOR	Family Advocacy Organization for Children’s Mental Health – a consortium of diverse, local family advocacy agencies, taking a lead role in expanding and enhancing the presence and voice of families within Connecticut’s behavioral health systems for children (state)
FBR	Family-Based Recovery (DCF- state)
FFT	Family Functional Therapy (DCF- state)
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year 10/1/xx to 9/30/xx
First Responders	Police and fire personnel
FQHC	Federally Qualified Health Centers (federal)
FST	Family Support Teams – model is a flexible, family-based clinical and support services for children returning from residential care (or at risk of entering residential care) who will be living in Treatment Foster Homes or with their families of origin; requires integration of licensed professional staff offering therapeutic services in concert with paraprofessionals staff providing support services including, but not limited to mentoring, tutoring, transportation and recreational activities’ requires that families have timely access to services 24/7 for crisis intervention and in home support (DCF – state)
FTE	Full-time equivalent
GA	General Assistance – now called SAGA, state administered general assistance (state)
GABHP	General Assistance Behavioral Health Program (see BNP) (state), a.k.a. SAGA (state)
GBCMHC	Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center – DMHAS state-operated substance abuse and psychiatric inpatient and outpatient services located in Bridgeport (DMHAS – state)
Gridlock	A situation where people needing mental health services cannot be placed in the most appropriate level of care (inpatient, residential, or community based outpatient services)
GWOT	Global War on Terror (federal and state)
HCS	Health Care Systems – DMHAS’ division provides oversight to 8 PNP contracted LMHAs (DMHAS – state)
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act – privacy regulations that ensure that protected health information when shared for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations is protected (federal)
HDP/HDI	Health Disparities Project/ Health Disparities Initiative
HIV/AIDS	Human immunodeficiency virus - HIV seropositive

Acronym	Definition
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization
HR	Human Resources – establish workforce development and retention (DMHAS – state)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
HUSKY Program	Health insurance for Uninsured Kids and Youth – (Medicaid Managed care), Connecticut’s children’s health insurance program (state)
HYP	Hartford Youth Project - model for accessing, engaging and retaining urban youth (ages 10 to 17) and their families in evidence-based comprehensive, culturally competent, gender-specific substance abuse treatment (DCF - state)
IDDT/IDDTP Model	Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment Project – An integrated treatment for people who have co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders. Integration of all substance abuse and mental illness treatment and support services; interventions that are appropriate for persons at different stages of treatment; assertive outreach to engage people and their natural supports; motivational interventions to get people actively involved in treatment; counseling to develop skills and support to control symptoms and to pursue an abstinent lifestyle; social supports including social network and family interventions; long term rehabilitation activities to prevent relapse and enhance gains; and cultural competence (a.k.a. New Hampshire Model)
IDEA	Individual with Disabilities Education Act (federal)
IICAPS	Intensive In-Home Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services – model developed at Yale University’s Child Study Center (state)
ICSHH	Interagency Council on Supportive Housing and Homelessness – created to spur development of supported housing (state)
IMT	Interagency Management Teams – includes parents of children with SED, family advocates, at least one mental health clinician, and high-ranking agency administrators; or Governing Body of local “SOC” (DCF- state)
Intermediate step-down services	Services between inpatient and supervised apartments (state)
ISP	Individual Service Plan
ISPN	Interagency Suicide Prevention Network
Jail Diversion	To divert, from incarceration, those individuals with mental illness who have been charged with low-level offences by providing treatment options. Clinicians act as consultants to police, probation, parole and court staff regarding special needs of persons with psychiatric disabilities.
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation and Hospitals Organization

Acronym	Definition
K-12 Project	K-12 Mental Health Supports for Education Success Project – to increase pro-social behaviors among school children; increase school’s capacity to identify and develop intervention to enhance educational successes and reduce risk of suspensions; and expand access to mental health services in two (2) schools (state)
KidCare	Connecticut Community KidCare Initiative – DCF is restructuring children’s behavioral health system to ensure children and their families receive individualized flexible, culturally responsive services that are comprehensive and coordinated (DCF – state)
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Workers
LEA	Local Education Authority
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender youth and families
LMHA	Local Mental Health Authority – Network of 15 (6 publicly funded and 9 private non-profit agencies) provide mental health treatment and support services at the community level for adults (age 18 and over)(DMHAS operated and funded – state)
LOC	Levels of Care (DMHAS and DCF – state)
LSA	Lead Service Agency (DCF – state)
MCAC	Multicultural Advisory Council – advises DMHAS on multi-cultural strategic plan (MCSP) (DMHAS – state)
MCSC	Multiculturalism Sub-Committee (DCF – state)
MCSP	Multicultural Strategic Plan – Three year plan provides direction and outlines new priorities, objectives and activities to serve as a guide for policy development, workforce development, and revision of existing documents. (DMHAS – state)
MDE	Multi-Disciplinary Examination (DCF- state)
MDFT	Multidimensional Family Therapy (DCF – state)
Medicaid	Low-income individuals and families can receive assistance for medical care. Medicaid pays for many medical services, such as doctor visits, prescription drugs, inpatient and outpatient hospital care, lab services, home health care, and transportation necessary to receive medical care (federal)
MFP	Money Follows the Person – federal grant to assist persons to return to the community from nursing homes (federal and state)
MH	Mental Health
MHA - CT	Mental Health Association of Connecticut – private non-profit agency providing mental health treatment and support services (state)
MHAIC	Mental Health Alternative to Incarceration Center – DMHAS and Judicial Branch CSSD manage joint project. The target population, individuals with severe psychiatric disability, can be referred pre-trial, post-conviction, or towards the end of their sentence.
MHBG	Mental Health Block Grant (CMHS Block Grant) (federal and state)

Acronym	Definition
MHPC	Mental Health Policy Council – comprised of stakeholders from state agencies, mental health professionals, researchers and others. Provides a forum for facilitating progress toward achievement of the CBRC recommendations
MHPD	Mental Health Program Director or Behavioral Health Program Director (DCF-state)
MHT	Mental Health Transformation: In 2003, The President’s New Freedom Commission on Mental Health issued a final report on the state of mental health care in America, <u>Achieving the Promise: Transformation Mental Health Care in America</u> . The report indicated that in a transformed system, recovery is possible, for everyone with a mental illness, that mental illness can be prevented or cured, detected early at any stage of life, and anyone can access effective treatments and supports to allow them the essentials for living, working, learning and participating fully in the community. The six overarching goals are: 1) Americans understand that Mental Health is Essential to Overall Health; 2) Mental Health Care is Consumer and Family Driven; 3) Disparities in Mental Health Services are Eliminated; 4) Early Mental Health Screening, Assessment, and Referral to Services are Common Practice; 5) Excellent Mental Health Care is Delivered and Research is Accelerated; and 6) Technology is Used to Access Mental Health Care and Information.
MHT- SIG	Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant: Connecticut is one of six (6) states to receive a 5-year grant to transform the adult and children’s mental health system.
MISA	Mentally ill substance abusing
MOE	Maintenance of Effort- The current MOE must be the average of the state expenditures for the prior two years (federal - fiscal)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRO	Medicaid Rehabilitation Option – (federal and state)
MSP	Military Support Program – provides free, confidential, timely outpatient counseling services to CT National Guard (CTNG) and Reserve personnel and their families in communities statewide (state)
MSS	Managed Service Systems – Thirteen (13) consortiums ensure a comprehensive and coordinated array of services available at the local level to meet the behavioral health and community support needs of children and their families (DCF- state)
MST	Multi-Systemic Therapy – in-home treatment model has proven highly effective for children with high-risk behaviors, including youth in the juvenile justice system (DCF- state)
MSW	Masters in Social Work
NAMI - CT	National Alliance for the Mentally Illness, Connecticut Chapter – provides information about mental illness, treatment, support services and methods of accessing services for family members of persons with serious mental illness (national and state)

Acronym	Definition
NASADAD	National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors
NASMHPD	National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
NASW/CT	National Association of Social Workers /Connecticut (national and state)
NCS	National Co-morbidity Survey
New Hampshire Model	An integrated treatment for people who have co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders. Integration of all substance abuse and mental illness treatment and support services; interventions that are appropriate for persons at different stages of treatment; assertive outreach to engage people and their natural supports; motivational interventions to get people actively involved in treatment; counseling to develop skills and support to control symptoms and to pursue an abstinent lifestyle; social supports including social network and family interventions; long term rehabilitation activities to prevent relapse and enhance gains; and cultural competence (a.k.a. IDDT: Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment)
NFTP	Nursing Facility Transition Project (state)
NHDPRC	New Hampshire Dartmouth Psychiatric Research Center
NHTG	Nursing Home Transitional Grant
NIC	National Institute of Corrections
NIMBY	Not in My Back Yard
NOFA	Notice of Funds Availability – federal funds availability (federal)
NOMS	National Outcome Measures: Uniform performance management and measurement. Identified health domains to measures real life outcomes for persons living with mental illness and striving to attain recovery, build resilience, to work, to learn, to live and fully participate in their communities. The nine (9) measures are: 1) Increased access to services, 2) Reduces utilization of psychiatric inpatient beds for 30 and 180 days; 3) Number of evidenced based practices and the number of persons served; 4) Client perception of care; 5) Increased/retained employment or returned to /stay in school; 6) Decreased criminal justice involvement; 7) Increase stability in housing; 8) Increased social supported and social connectedness; and 9) Improved level of functioning. (SMHSA – federal)
NTAC	National Technical Assistance Center – provides technical assistance to state mental health planning councils (national)
OATP	Opiate Against Treatment Program – provides frequent users of acute services, who are experiencing dependence on narcotics analgesics, wit the opportunity to choose an immediate alternative treatment “fast-tack” to methadone maintenance (DMHAS – state)
OBRA	Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (Nursing Home Reform Act) – DMHAS oversees screening, evaluation, and monitoring of persons with serious mental illness (SMI) who are applying for, or residing in Connecticut nursing homes. (federal)
OEF/OIF	Operation Enduring Freedom/ Operation Iraqi Freedom (federal and state)

Acronym	Definition
OEM	Office of Emergency Management (federal)
OFA	Office of Fiscal Analysis (state)
OFAS	Office of Foster and Adoption Services (DCF- state)
<i>Olmstead</i> Decision (<i>Olmstead v. L.C.</i>)	Historic landmark civil rights decision by the U. S. Supreme Court which has far reaching consequences for the long-term care of people with disabilities; put states on notice that unnecessary segregation of individuals with disabilities is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)
OMA	Office of Multicultural Affairs - promote, train, monitor cultural competency and integrated services through the cultural competency initiative. Prepares the Multi-Cultural Strategic Plan for MCAC. (DMHAS – state)
OMB	Office of Management and Budget (federal)
OOC	Office of the Commissioner (DMHAS – state)
O P&A	Office of Protection and Advocacy (state)
OPM	Office of Program Management – agency reports to the Governor’s office which oversees other state agencies and departments in Connecticut (state)
OPP	Our Piece of the Pie Initiative – an innovative vocational program that offers youth returning from out-of-home placement employment readiness skills, life skills, an access to substance/mental health services (DCF – state)
PALS	Preparation for Adult Living Settings – transitional living group homes and transitional living apartments program (TLAP) for youth in out-of-home care who are ready for a less restrictive environment, but not ready for independence (DCF-state)
Parent Trust	To fund programs aimed at improving children’s health, safety, and education by training parents in civic leadership skills and supporting increased, sustained parental engagement in community affairs
PARK	Partnership for Kids Project - targets five cluster schools in the Bridgeport community will receive assistance in accessing clinical and non-traditional community-based services to support their maintenance within their current home and school settings (DCF- state)
Partnership for Kids Project	Initiative creates a school-based system of care and includes participation from the local Board of Education and an number of community organizations (DCF- state)
PASRR or PAS/RR	Pre-admission Screening Resident Review – Under OBRA, to determine mental health services recommendations made for residents in nursing facilities evaluated under and found to have a serious mental illness (SMI) (DMHAS – state)
PASS	Preparing Adolescents for Self-Sufficiency – Level 1 Group Homes (DCF – state)
PATH	Projects for Assistance in Transition for Homelessness – serves persons with SMI and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless (federally funded program, has been expanded with state funds (federal)

Acronym	Definition
PBC	Performance Based Contracting (DCF- state)
PBIS	Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support – assist in supporting a positive, welcoming and receptive school environment for all school-aged children/youth along the various points of the behavioral health continuum or Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) (DCF- state)
PDD	Pervasive Developmental Disorder
PEP	People Empowering People Program – promotes the empowerment of individuals and responsibility for personal well-being and encourage recovery while promoting natural supports
PILOTS	Planning and Implementing Housing Options for Long Term Success – An initiative providing supportive housing to individuals an/or families. Transitional and /or permanent housing subsidies with funding for supportive services (DMHAS – state)
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PMHP	Primary Mental Health Program – children participating in this program demonstrated decreases in acting-out and aggressive behaviors as well as shy/anxious behaviors; associated with decreased rate of suspension during program participation and reduced tardiness both during and after program participation (DCF- state)
PNP	Private not-for-profit agencies (state)
Positive Outcomes for Youth Plan	(a.k.a. Exit Plan) Developed to guide DCF ‘s exit form its 10 year consent decree with 22 outcomes of which some directly affect the care approach for children with behavioral health care needs (DCF – state)
POSTC	Police Standards and Training Council (state)
PPE	Probabilistic Population Estimation – Used to determine the percent of those arrested who are DMHAS clients (DMHAS – state)
PPI	Preferred Practices Initiative (DMHAS – state)
PRA	Policy Research Associates, Inc.
Priority Report	2006 and 2007 Report on Statewide Priority Services
PRISM Initiative	Partnership Resources and Infrastructure Support Monies with federal CMHS funds. DMHAS developed a strategy in implement and evaluate exemplary practice programs that address the problems of mental illness, violence and substance abuse among children in Kindergarten to Grade 5.
Project Safe	Substance Abuse Family Evaluation – offered central intake and priority access to drug screens, a substance abuse evaluation and a variety of outpatient substance abuse treatment services (state)
PSA	Public Service Announcement
PTSD	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder – psychological damage that can result from experiencing, witnessing or participating in an overwhelming traumatic event (e.g. natural and accidental disasters, inner-city violence, child or domestic violence, rape, disaster of war, the Holocaust, loss of parents, and birth trauma).

Acronym	Definition
QA	Quality Assurance
QI	Quality Improvement
QPR	Question, Persuade, Respond – suicide prevention evidence based practice program in high schools and colleges (national and DMHAS - state)
RAC	Regional Action Councils – facilitator of needs assessment process on addiction treatment system and supports prevention of addiction activities
Recovery Initiative	Recovery-oriented services that create opportunities and provide the supports needed, for individuals to participate in meaningful activities; Identifies and builds upon each individual ‘s assets, strengths, and areas of health and competence to support achieving a sense of mastery over his/her condition while gaining a meaningful, constructive, sense of membership in the broader community.
Resource Links	Assist with developing and implementing prevention services within DMHAS’ system of care (DMHAS – state)
Respite Care	Services to avoid short –term hospitalization
RETI	Recovery Education and Training Institute
RFA	Request for Application
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for Proposals (state)
RFQ	Request for Qualifications (state)
RI	Recovery Institute (state)
RMHBs	Regional Mental Health Boards – Five RMHBs provide planning, needs assessment, and evaluation of mental health services in their geographic regions. Represents constituent groups – consumers, family members, municipalities private and public mental health and other community services (state)
S+C	Shelter Plus Care– HUD funded rental assistance program designed to provide housing and support services to persons who are homeless and disabled (federal)
SA	Substance Abuse
SAC	State Advisory Council on Children and Families – state advisory council to DCF (DCF – state)
Safe Harbors Initiative	Designed to address the unique needs of lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender (GLBT) youth and families across the spectrum of Children Welfare; includes foster parent recruitment, an LGBT youth mentoring program, and comprehensive training (DCF- state)
SAFE-T	Sexual Abuse Free Environment for Teens - evidence-based intervention aims to interrupt generational cycles of violence, mental health problems, crime and substance use (state)
SAGA	State Administered General Assistance (state)
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (federal)
SBMHAS	State Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services – a 40 member advisory group, consisting of gubernatorial appointees, chairpersons, designees from RMHBs, and designees from RACs as well as consumers, family members, providers and advocates (DMHAS – state)

Acronym	Definition
SCC	Specialized Care Coordination (DCF – state)
SCHIP	Medicaid/State Child Health Insurance Program agency (DSS) (state)
SDE	State Department of Education (state)
Section 8	A housing assistance payment program authorized by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (federal)
SED	Serious Emotionally Disturbance (children – DCF - federal and state)
Set-Aside for Children’s Mental Health Services	States are required to provide systems of integrated services for children with serious emotional disturbances (SED). Each year the state shall expend no less than the calculated amount for FY 1994 (federal).
SFY	State Fiscal Year in Connecticut – 7/1/xx to 6/30/xx
SHP	Supportive Housing Project
SIP	Service Initiative Proposals – procurement process to obtain a range of specialized services (DCF- state)
SMHPC	State Mental Health Planning Council (a.k.a. Joint Council) is mandated by federal law regarding the CMHS BG. This Council is composed of Adult State Mental Health Planning Council (ASMHPC) (DMHAS), Children’s Behavioral Health Advisory Council (CBHAC) (DCF), and relevant state agency representatives
SMI	Serious Mentally Ill (Adults – DMHAS – state and federal)
SO	State-operated (state)
SOC	Systems of Care (DCF – state)
SOCCC	System of Care Community Collaboratives – serve children with SEED and their families (DCF- state)
SORH	“Connecticut” State Office of Rural Health (state)
SOS	Signs of Suicide – suicide prevention evidence–based practice (EBP) program in high schools and colleges (national and state)
Special Education	Special education and related services (vocational, speech, occupational and physical therapy and physical education) are provided to eligible 18 –21 year old residents in DMHAS’ hospitals and operated programs (DMHAS - state)
SPC	State Prevention Council (DMHAS – state)
SPD	Serious Psychological Distress – high level of distress due to any type of mental problem (including general symptoms related to phobia, anxiety and depression). Measures non-specific psychological distress rather than specific mental illness and is intended to identify with mental health problems severe enough to cause moderate to serious impairment in social, occupational, or school functioning and to requires treatment (national)
SPF	Strategic Prevention Framework
SPMI	Severe and Persistent Mental Illness – persons (adults) with chronic serious mental illness

Acronym	Definition
STAR	Short-Term Assessment and Respite (STAR) Homes – Small, home-like community-based emergency homes for children/youth (DCF)
Strategy Board	Community Mental Health Strategy Board (state)
SVOI	Serious and Violent Offender Initiative
SWCMHS	Southwest CT Mental Health System – DMHAS-operated LMHA
SWEP	Supported Work, Education and Transition Program – (DCF – state)
SWIP	Social Work Internship Program (DCF – state)
TA	Technical Assistance
TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (federal)
TBI/ABI	Traumatic brain injured/acquired brain injured (state)
TCM	Targeted Case Management (federal)
TFC	Treatment Foster Care – a family based services that provides individualized treatment for children, youth and their families targets children and youth at imminent risk of entering or returning from residential treatment, discharged from hospitals, and have a complex behavioral health disorder that substantially interferes with or limit their performance of developmentally appropriate activities (DCF – state)
TGH	Therapeutic Group Homes – serve boys ages 8 to 12 and girls ages 14 to 18 in small 6-bed homes, intended to be in the community and principled on the values and learning opportunities that are offered within a family (DCF- state)
TIPIC	Trauma Informed Practice Involvement Collaborative
TLAP	Transitional Living Apartment Programs - for youth in out-of-home care who are ready for a less restrictive environment but not yet ready for independence (DCF-state)
TOT	Training of Trainers - Used in multi-cultural training at DMHAS. (state)
The Training Collaborative	Prevention Training Collaborative is to provide prevention practitioners and others in the field of prevention the training needed to obtain and maintain certification status and provide support to individuals looking to increase their knowledge and skills in the prevention area.
TTF	Connecticut's Transitional Task-Force – consists of DCF Commissioner, the Secretary of Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management, and the Federal Court Monitor (state)
Ticket to Work	Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Acts of 1999 – Program allows persons with a disability (as defined in the Social Security Act) to engage in employment without risking eligibility for medical services through the Medicaid program (federal)
Transitional Youth	Eighteen year olds who have aged out of mental health services received by DCF and continue to need mental health services. Transfer of clients from DCF to DMHAS (state)

Acronym	Definition
Trauma Initiative	25 DMHAS funded agencies and PNP and two state psychiatric hospitals participated in intensive yearlong training; Trauma Services include assessment, education, and individual and group treatment are designed to be sensitive to gender needs of both men and women, are culturally relevant and have a recovery focus (DMHAS – state)
UHC	University of Connecticut Health Center (state)
UCR	Uniform Client Record
UM	Utilization Management (state)
URS	Uniform Reporting System – federally required mental health data items for CMHS Block Grant and Application and Implementation Report (federal and state). The URS Tables is the first national annual aggregate report on State public mental health systems. The URS is developed to collect standardized information from the 59 state and territories on the number of persons (adults and children) receiving public mental health services and the outcomes for these services. There are 21 tables of aggregate data for each state/territory.
VA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (federal); Veteran’s Affairs or Administration (state): Provides services to persons who actively served in the military.
YAP/YAS	Young Adults Program/Services - Age-appropriate mental health services for young adults ages 18 to 26 (DMHAS – state)
Vet Centers	Veterans’ Readjustment and Counseling Services (state)
YSAB	Connecticut Youth Suicide Advisory Board – Membership comprised of volunteers community and state agency representatives with goal of preventing suicide among children and youth and is within DCF. (state)
YSS	MHSIP Youth Services Survey
YSS-F	MHSIP Youth Services Survey for Families
WebBGAS	WebBGAS enables states to submit plans/applications and annual implementation reports electronically to reduce the burden of paperwork. (SMHSA – federal). See website: www.mhbg.samhsa.gov
Wellness Solution	Partnership with Eli Lilly and Company to jointly create innovative health and wellness solutions that can be infused in the DMHAS system of care (state)
WIA	Workforce Investment Act – The legislation that governs multiple federal employment training programs including the Department of Labor and the Workforce Investment Boards
WJD	Women’s Jail Diversion
WRAP	Wellness Recovery Action Plans
Wraparound	Flexible Funding (DCF- state)
WSPIC	Women’s Treatment Improvement Collaborative (DMHAS – state)