



**Connecticut 1115 SUD Demonstration
DMHAS and DCF Reinvestment Strategies
June 16, 2026**

CONNECTICUT 1115 SUD DEMONSTRATION

Reinvestment Funding General Overview

- Under the State's 1115 Substance Use Disorder Demonstration, Connecticut receives federal financial participation (FFP) for a continuum of SUD services, including services provided to Medicaid enrollees residing in residential treatment facilities that qualify as institutions for mental diseases (IMDs).
- FFP from the Demonstration generates revenue that must be reinvested in the substance use treatment and recovery continuums.

State Agency	Annual Funding Amount
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services	\$10.7 Million
Department of Children and Families	\$1.635 Million



In response to data trends and ongoing discussions with clients, substance use treatment providers, housing providers and advocates from throughout the substance use treatment, and recovery continuum, DMHAS and DCF, in partnership with the Department of Social Services, identified the following reinvestment priority areas:

Continued Support for Substance Use Treatment Providers for Non-Medicaid Reimbursable Costs

Expansion of Supported Recovery Focused Housing

Expansion of Supported Substance Use Employment Opportunities Statewide

Expanded Access to Substance Use Treatment and Recovery Supports

DCF-Launched peer recovery support services for young people

DCF-Expansion of S-BIRT Reimbursement

DCF- Increased reimbursement rate for adolescent 3.5 residential

DCF-Established rates for adolescent 3.1 and 3.7

Continued support of SUD Treatment Providers

Non-Medicaid reimbursable costs

Ensuring Everyone has Access to Care



Continued support of SUD Treatment Providers

- July 2025– DSS increased Medicaid reimbursement rates for all levels of residential care [Provider Bulletin 2025–35](#)
- Approximately 450k per year has been reinvested in current DMHAS contractors. This funding will continue to be utilized to support the following costs:
 - Treatment costs for non-Medicaid populations
 - Insurance for high-risk populations and cybersecurity
 - Modification and maintenance costs for electronic health records
 - Recruitment and retention initiatives and workforce training
- The Judicial Branch has utilized approximately 400k per year to help support placements at their contracted facilities.

Continued support of SUD Treatment Providers for non-Medicaid reimbursable costs

- Using the same principles outlined on the previous slide, up to \$2 Million will be utilized to open and cover non-Medicaid reimbursable costs for new SUD treatment beds across the continuum.
- The adult residential SUD treatment continuum has experienced a reduction in bed capacity since 2022. The goal of this reinvestment strategy is to restore this capacity by targeting the levels of care where increased capacity is needed the most- ASAM 3.1 and ASAM 3.5. Our goal statewide bed capacity is approximately 1,200 beds.
- In SFY26 DMHAS conducted two procurement phases which has yielded 5 successful applications to date.
 - Please note: Phase 2's applications are still being reviewed.

Connecticut SUD Adult Residential Bed Distribution May 1, 2022

ASAM Level of Care	Number of Beds	Percentage of Overall Beds
3.1	76	6.51%
3.3	50	4.28%
3.5	495	42.42%
3.5 PPW	54	4.63%
3.7	218	18.68%
3.7 Withdrawal Management	172	14.74%
Connecticut Valley Hospital *	102	8.74%
Totals	1167	100%

*Includes ASAM 3.7 and ASAM 3.7-4.0 Withdrawal Management Beds at Blue Hills and Merritt Hall

Connecticut SUD Adult Residential Bed Distribution June 1, 2026

ASAM Level of Care	Number of Beds	Percentage of Overall Beds
3.1	85	7.64%
3.3	24	2.16%
3.5	472	42.45%
3.5 PPW	48	4.32%
3.7	188	16.91%
3.7 Withdrawal Management	143	12.86%
Connecticut Valley Hospital*	152	13.67%
Totals	1112	100%

*Includes ASAM 3.7 and ASAM 3.7-4.0 Withdrawal Management Beds at Blue Hills and Merritt Hall



Expansion of Supported Recovery Focused Housing

Extending the recovery continuum into the community



EXPANSION OF SUPPORTED RECOVERY FOCUSED HOUSING

Recognizing that transitions across different levels of residential care can be complicated due to lack of capacity at less intensive levels of care particularly ASAM 3.1 facilities, The State of Connecticut has invested in both the treatment and housing continuums. Approximately \$4.7 Million has been invested in this area to fund the following projects.

Recovery Focused Housing Reinvestment Priorities

Expand Recovery House Network

[Recovery House Network](#)

Expand Supported Recovery House Network (Sober Houses)

[Supported Recovery House System](#)

Expand short-term therapeutic shelter resources

Judicial Branch-Continued funding of ARPA-funded Recovery House

Implementation of Medically Oriented Recovery Housing

- In FY26, reinvestment funding established a new 12-bed medically oriented recovery house for individuals experiencing SUD and complex medical needs to avoid unneeded placements in higher levels of care such as skilled nursing facilities or respite care placement.
- SCADD's Shoreline House of Hope provides
 - On-site staff 24/7
 - On-site nursing care
 - Case management services

Expansion of supported recovery focused housing

- Historically, only Medicaid beneficiaries with Husky D (Medicaid for low-income adults without dependent children) coverage could access DMHAS SRHS (sober housing) placements.
- Using reinvestment funding, the State has closed this critical gap in recovery housing by providing coverage and rates for placements in the SRHS system for the following Husky types for individuals aged 18 and over:
 - **Husky A:** Young adults up to age 19, caretaker relatives, and pregnant individuals within certain income guidelines.
 - **Husky B:** Young adults up to age 19 and pregnant individuals who don't qualify for Medicaid due to immigration status.
 - **Husky C:** Connecticut residents who are 65 years of age or older, and/or who are blind or disabled.



Expansion of temporary shelter supports for individuals experiencing substance use disorders

- In FY26, reinvestment funding helped support the opening of The Cornell Scott Recovery & Wellness Center. This program began offering a safe, short-term therapeutic living environment (shelter) for 40 men in New Haven.
- Services include integrated primary medical care, specialized substance use and mental health treatment including access to withdrawal management, medication assisted treatment, counseling, aftercare, case management and wrap around services.



Expansion of supported substance use employment opportunities statewide

Supporting recovery-oriented employment services for everyone



EXPANSION OF SUPPORTED SUBSTANCE USE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES STATEWIDE

- Employment Services are integral to the DMHAS' goal of offering a recovery-oriented system of care for persons in recovery who experience behavioral health conditions. From the recovery perspective, meaningful employment has been shown to promote recovery from psychiatric and substance use disorders and to facilitate improvements in diverse domains from symptom relief to successful community integration.
- Prior to FY26, DMHAS funded agencies in Regions 2 and 4 to provide employment services including career planning, job search assistance, job placement, on- and off-the-job coaching, and career advancement services.
- Approximately \$2 Million in funding has been used to establish parity between the DMHAS Regions and expands the program into Regions 1, 3 and 5.



Expanding Access to Substance Use Treatment and Recovery Supports

Expanding awareness, access and capacity across the continuum



EXPANDING ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUPPORTS

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ACCESS Line Expansion

- DMHAS funds the statewide 24/7 ACCESS Line through Wheeler Clinic for individuals seeking information about SUD and treatment options. Clinic Staff assists with admissions to withdrawal management and SUD residential treatment.
- Funding has been utilized to increase staff and ACCESS line response capacity.
- Funding has been utilized to expand transportation resources for the ACCESS Line
- **Access Line: 1-800-563-4086**

ACCESS Mental Health & Substance Use For Moms

- Access Mental Health and Substance Use For Moms- This program offers psychiatric expertise and consultation to medical providers treating perinatal individuals presenting with substance use and/or mental health diagnoses.
- Funding has been utilized to continue the Access Mental Health and Substance Use for Moms Program by supporting current staffing levels past the expiration of ARPA funding.

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Alcohol Use Disorder Media Campaign

- A multi-media Alcohol use marketing campaign focused on sharing insights, strategies, questions, & pathways to empower change in behaviors, including:
 - Raising awareness about increased use
 - Offering basic tools and information to individuals who have increased consumption
 - Providing treatment and contact information to individuals with AUD that would benefit from treatment

CT Addiction Services Website Upgrade

- The CT Addiction Services website currently provides real time information on bed availability across the 1115 SUD Treatment Continuum and provider contract information.
- These upgrades will improve access by providing the public with up-to-date information on outpatient providers throughout the State and how to access their services.

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Healthcentric Training

- Many individuals experiencing co-occurring substance use disorders and complex medical profiles transition between hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and the broader substance use treatment continuum routinely.
- Healthcentric provides on-demand trainings for the staff of skilled nursing facilities designed to increased their understanding of working with individuals experiencing substance use disorders.
- This training opportunity will improve the SNF system's response and care coordination for individuals experiencing substance use disorders and improve continuity of care.

Trauma Enhancement/NADA Training

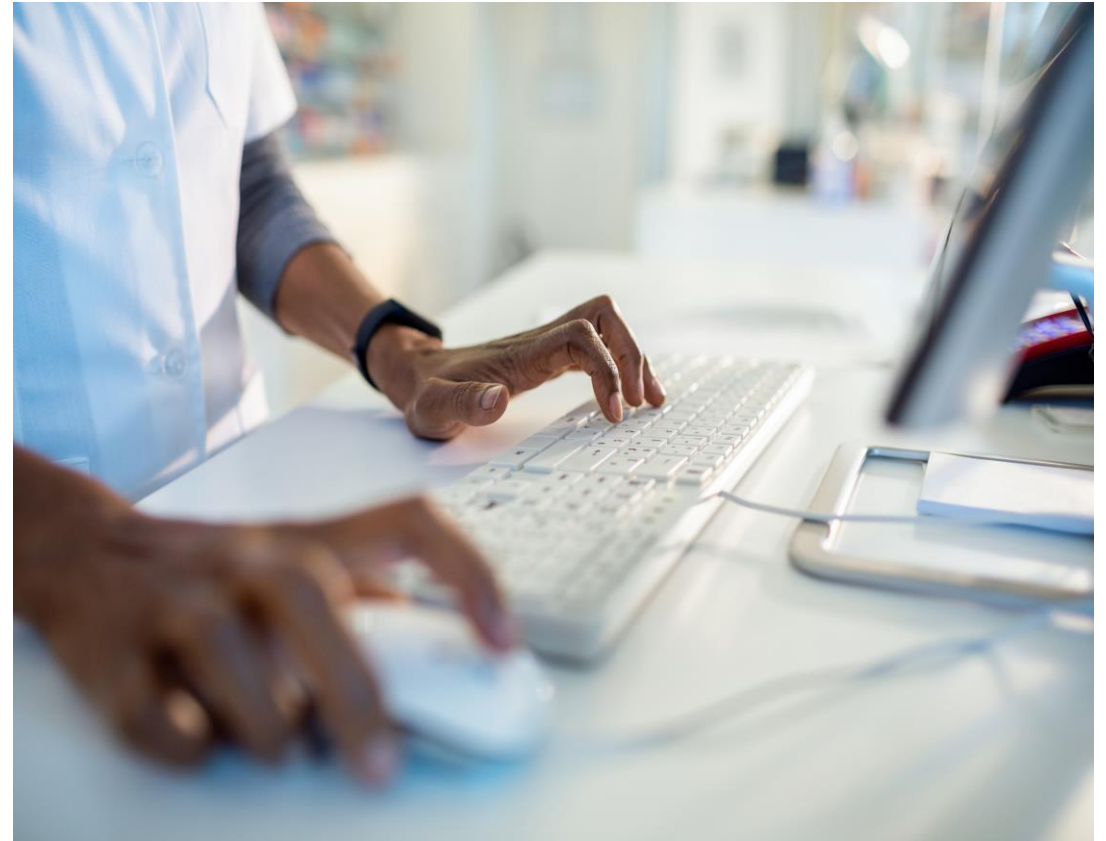
- Train the trainer program for Training and Technical Assistance National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA). Additional training sessions in evidence-based models of Seeking Safety and Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy will supplement NADA.
- Research has demonstrated the use of NADA within SUD treatment improves treatment engagement and retention. This approach can also be used in both acute and chronic phases of substance use treatment.

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Methadone Pump Replacement

- To help maintain and expand access to MOUD for Connecticut's residents, reinvestment funding has been utilized to purchase up to 5 new methadone dispenser pumps.
- These pumps will allow facilities to upgrade and expand their prescribing infrastructure and provide increased access to MOUD.

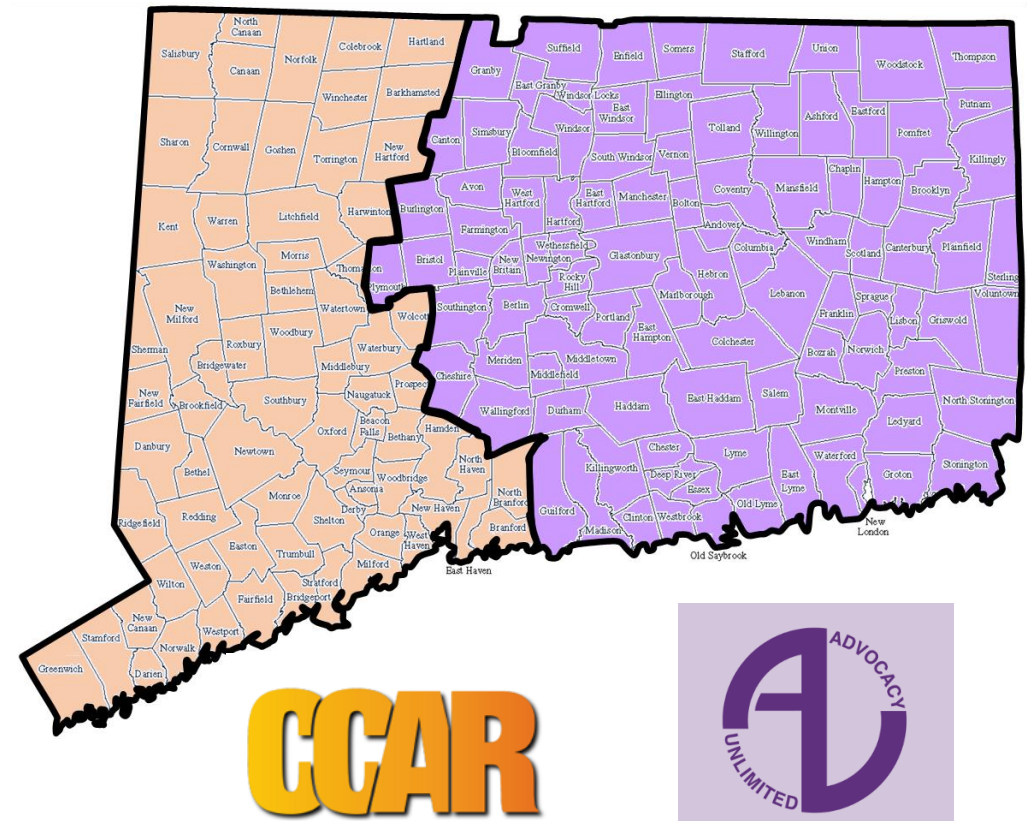


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Young People Peer Support (YPPS)

- A voluntary, non-clinical service that encompasses a range of activities and interactions to support a young person's self-directed goals of recovery and wellbeing.
- Peers support recovery from substance use concerns and co-occurring conditions; offer encouragement, practical help, guidance and understanding; and model that recovery is achievable.
- Available statewide to young people ages 14-17 who struggle with substance use. SUD/history of treatment not required.



Questions

Please check the following websites for project updates and funding announcements:

DSS CT 1115 SUD Demonstration- https://portal.ct.gov/dss/health-and-home-care/substance-use-disorder-demonstration-project?language=en_US

DMHAS RFPs and RFQs- <https://portal.ct.gov/dmhas/rfps/index/rfps-and-rfq>

DCF RFPs and RFQs- https://portal.ct.gov/dcf/knowledge-base/categories/providers/contract-information-for-providers?language=en_US