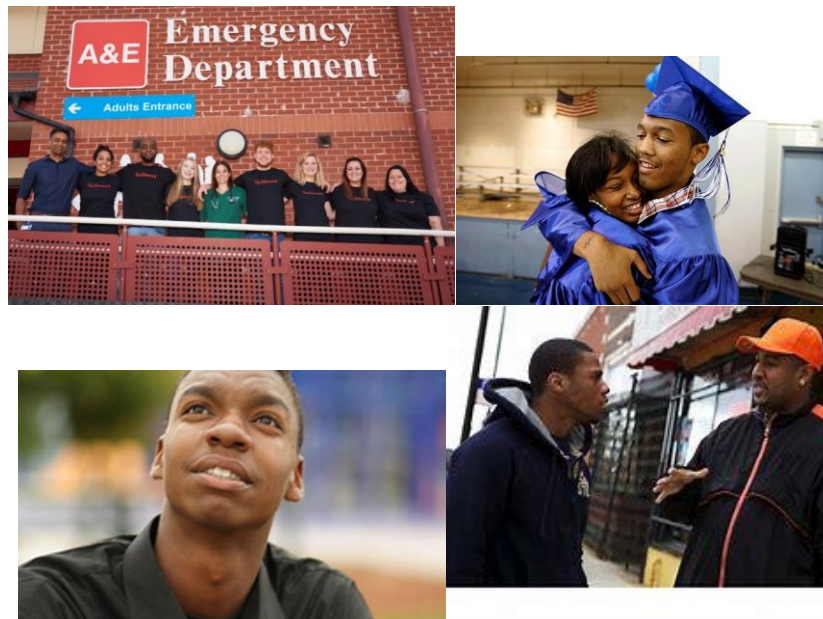


Violence Prevention Professionals Training and Certification



Pursuant to [CT Public Act 21-36](#), the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) is required to approve at least one accredited Violence Prevention Professional (VPP) training and certification program for certified violence prevention professionals that meets the standards set in the new legislation effective October 1, 2021.

CT DPH will not be licensing certified VPPs.

Approved Programs: VPP training and certification program(s) in Connecticut that meet the requirements of the legislation:

The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (the HAVI; <https://www.thehavi.org/violence-prevention-professional-training>)

The Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (the HAVI) helps to build the connections between hospitals and communities to end violence. The Violence Prevention Professional (VPP) Certification training was developed in collaboration between the HAVI – which is the sole certifying body for VPPs – and key experts in the field of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIPs) from around the country.

Pending approval: Current VPP training and certification program(s) in Connecticut are pending approval by CT DPH based on accreditation status of the training programs. Each VPP training and certification program needs to be accredited to fulfill the requirements of PA 21-36.

Programs pending approval are:

- 1) The ROCA Impact Institute (RII; <https://rocainc.org/the-roca-impact-institute/overview/>)
- 2) The Brother Carl Hardwick Institute (CHI; <https://bchinstitute.org/>)

According to PA 21-36 (Section 1, subsections (d)(1) and (d)(2)), a VPP training and certification program should meet at a minimum the following training requirements:

(1) At least thirty-five hours of initial training, collectively addressing all of the following:

- (A) The profound effects of trauma and violence and the basics of trauma-informed care;
- (B) Community violence prevention strategies, including, but not limited to, conflict mediation and retaliation prevention related to community violence;
- (C) Case management and advocacy practices; and
- (D) Patient privacy and the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, P.L. 104-191, as amended from time to time, (HIPAA); and

(2) At least six hours of continuing education every two years.

Certified Violence Prevention Professionals:

Per [CT Public Act 21-36](#),

- Any prevention professional seeking certification as a certified VPP shall complete an *accredited* training and certification program for certified VPPs, approved in accordance with subsection (d) of this section and maintain such certification (Section 1, subsection (c)).
- No person, unless certified as a VPP pursuant to this section, may use the title "certified violence prevention professional" or make use of any title, words, letters, abbreviations or insignia indicating or implying that he or she is a certified violence prevention professional (Section 1, subsection (f)).

Employment or Contract of Certified Violence Prevention Professionals:

Per [CT Public Act 21-36](#), any entity that employs or contracts with a certified VPP to provide community violence prevention services shall:

(1) Maintain documentation that the certified VPP has met all of the conditions described in subsection (c) of this section; and

(2) Ensure that the certified VPP is providing community violence prevention services in compliance with any applicable standards of care, rules, regulations and governing law of the state or federal government (Section 1, subsections (e)(1) and (e)(2)).