



Statement of Commitment to the Development of the
Connecticut Child and Family Wellbeing System

As Co-Chairs of the State Advisory Council (SAC) to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) we offer this statement to confirm our enthusiastic support towards the development of a child welfare system in Connecticut. Our members and those who attend our meetings bring their perspectives as parents, family members, providers and they give voice for each of the six Regional Advisory Councils (RACs). At the local level each of our RACs have begun working towards the Department's vision to partner with communities and empower families to raise resilient children who thrive and these efforts will continue. While the leaders of our State Agencies focus on creating an infrastructure that promotes a systemic approach to serving our most vulnerable citizens, the SAC will seek input from the communities and individuals who require services to ensure that the Department's decisions are informed by those most impacted and that these decisions promote equity for all regardless of race, language, citizenship, financial status, sexual orientation, and/or source of health insurance. In addition the SAC, through our RACs will assist the Department in creating and sustaining collaborations at the local level and will function as Citizen Review Panels.

 6/14/19

Sarah Lockery, SAC Co-Chair, Date

 6/20/19

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