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RAC/SAC Communication Form

Briefly describe your RAC meeting attendance and representation by stakeholders, families, youth and providers:

Our RAC mtg was held yesterday. We had 20 attendees. Of those, 4 were youth and 4 were community members. There were 12 providers in the room.

Major Themes from your RAC meetings since last report:

- *The group asked for copies of the bylaws and last year's sub-committee reports. These were emailed to them.*
- *We are looking for a larger space in which to meet. An outreach subcommittee was formed. They will meet and begin to recruit more community members.*
- *A Foster Youth Newsletter was suggested as youth want to be better informed of their rights while in care. Of the 4 youth in the room, only one was aware of the Foster Youth Bill of Rights.*
- *Youth and community members expressed concern re: re-entry time for youth who have signed out of care. An example was given of a youth whose case took 3 months.*
- *A decision was made to ask the DMC (Disproportionate Minority Contact) collaborative come to speak to the group.*
- *A decision was made to have a Care Coordination presentation made as some members felt the service was underutilized in our region.*
- *An update was provided about the new homeless youth center opening in Waterbury.*

Resources/Support Needed from SAC

Please identify specifics:

The group asked that we receive a response from the SAC regarding the suggestions made in our reports submitted last year.

Request for an issue/concern/idea to be presented to The DCF Commissioner

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The group asked that we receive a response from DCF regarding the suggestions made in our reports submitted last year.

Youth want the Commissioner's office to know that they are concerned about the lengthy process for permanency and their lack of information regarding their rights while in care.