



NATIONAL PARALEGAL DAY October 23, 2020



Today, National Paralegal Day, is a wonderful opportunity to take time to acknowledge and celebrate the Department's hard working, dedicated Paralegals!!

On any given day, the Department's attorneys, as well as social work staff, know they can rely on these legal professionals to provide timely and thoughtful support in order to better serve the children and families of the State of Connecticut. Our paralegals have a strong background in child protection laws and procedures and demonstrate their expertise on a daily basis. Paralegals routinely serve the Department through representing the agency at administrative hearings, responding to record requests, assisting with gathering discovery for litigation cases, and completing internal reviews of substantiations and Central Registry placements to ensure legal sufficiency. However, during the last few challenging months, the Department's paralegals have demonstrated dedication above and beyond the routine. They have maintained a high standard of work and service while adapting to ever-changing work conditions. Their dedication to their work has enhanced the Department's ability to continue its child protection work and to move cases forward to help ensure children and families receive timely permanence.

Commissioner Dorantes said "We are so appreciative of our paralegal staff and the efforts they put forth to enhance the daily operations of our Department. From record redaction to document preparation and multiple other responsibilities, they support staff resulting in children and families being supported. Thank you for all you do."

To our outstanding DCF Paralegals: Your hard work behind the scenes is very much appreciated.