What does a Collaborative Team Approach mean in providing culturally affirmative best practices?

- Consult with professionals who are able to provide a cultural lens to a meaningful investigative process.

- Understanding the ADA and the required use of interpreters.

- Understanding the role of an interpreter

- When multiple service systems are involved, engage in 2 way communication with service providers, minimize duplicate services, and monitor plan progress in a team approach for positive outcomes.

DCF Authorized Interpreter Providers

Department Of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Interpreting Unit
184 Windsor Ave
Windsor, CT 06095

Phone: 860-697-3570
VP: 860-899-1674
Fax: 860-231-8746

After Hours Interpreting Emergencies
888-308-9504

Life Bridge
Formerly FSW
475 Clinton Ave.
Bridgeport, CT 06605
Phone: 203-368-4291
Toll free and emergency
888-676-8554
Fax: 203-696-0714
Email: csls@LifeBridgeCT.org

Link to Life Bridge Interpreter Request form

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs:
860-550-6569

Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Families

A Collaborative Team Approach to support family members who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Children of Deaf Adults while addressing children's safety and well being.

A working partnership between parents, children, and the team.
Deaf/Hard of Hearing Providers

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  (Hard of Hearing/Oral only)
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  Madison, CT 06443
  Phone: 203-804-6251
  www.vsamuolistherapy.com

Vocational Services for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing

School to Work Transition Program

Employment Opportunities

- Central Connecticut Training Center
- Connecticut Vocational Rehabilitation
  Center

LifeBridge/Deaf Outreach Services

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Converse Communications Corporations

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