

Sibling Connections

Summer Camp is always fun — but especially so when children are able to unite and connect with their siblings!



While at camp, DCF-involved brothers and sisters are able to unite, connecting through family style dinners, fun activities, and outdoor play.

For over a decade, the annual Sibling Connections Camp has been held at the Channel 3 Kids Camp in Andover, CT. The program is funded by DCF and FREE to eligible children.

The Department of Children and Families, Wheeler Clinic, and Channel 3 Kids Camp work together to help create happy memories for DCF-involved siblings from across Connecticut.

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DCF is developing a comprehensive service system for children and their families, with a focus on strengthening families and building partnerships with Connecticut communities.

The Department's goal is for all children in the care of the Department to be healthy and safe while learning. We want them to experience age-appropriate growth and development, to advance their own special talents, and find opportunities to give back to their communities. We also want them to be successful in and out of school.

Wheeler **WHEELER CLINIC** wheelerclinic.org

Wheeler provides comprehensive solutions that address complex health issues, providing individuals, families, and communities with accessible, innovative care that encourages health, recovery, and growth at all stages of life. Our integrated approach to primary and behavioral health, education, and recovery creates measurable results, positive outcomes, and hopeful tomorrows for more than 50,000 individuals across Connecticut each year: www.wheelerclinic.org

Wheeler is a seven-time Hartford Courant Top Workplace recipient, with more than 900 employees and nearly three-dozen locations across Connecticut.



CHANNEL 3 KIDS CAMP channel3kidscamp.org

Our Mission is to provide fun year-round opportunities to children of all abilities, families, & communities through recreational and educational programs that promote diversity, acceptance and environmental appreciation.

For over 100 years, children have escaped the hustle and bustle of the 'real world' with time spent in the country. We believe camp is something all kids should experience, regardless of a family's economic situation. Programs include our overnight and day summer camp program, vacation day camps, Teen Leadership programs, and more!



Sibling Connections Camp

Sunday, July 24, 2022 through Friday, July 29, 2022



A free overnight camp week designed to
unite siblings
and create
happy memories



Explore Friendship Learn Adventures Grow Stay Active

CAMPER ELIGIBILITY

DCF-involved siblings between the ages of 8 and 17 are eligible to attend this overnight camp session **FREE OF CHARGE**.

- Children/youth placed in foster care or relative care are eligible to attend. Siblings who are placed in a shelter, group home or a residential care facility will be considered.
- Children/youth presenting recent severe behavioral issues (e.g. firesetting, sexually reactive behavior, aggression) are ineligible. Children and youth with a documented clinical reason for not being placed together with their siblings are also ineligible.

CAMP FACILITY

Channel 3 Kids Camp is pleased to host this free week-long camp experience focused on connecting siblings placed in out-of-home care. The 150 acre facility includes a large swimming pool, dining hall, large open-air pavilion, a ropes challenge course, activities areas and separate bunk areas for boys and girls.

OUR STAFF

Channel 3 Kids Camp summer staff works with Wheeler Clinic to provide therapeutic support to campers who may require intervention. Campers receive close supervision and are part of a comprehensive program that stresses health, safety, well-being and cooperation.



CAMP ACTIVITIES

SWIMMING LESSONS & FREE SWIM • ARCHERY
HIKING • HIGH/LOW ROPES CONFIDENCE COURSE

DIGITAL MEDIA • PERFORMING ARTS
ATHLETICS • ARTS & CRAFTS

ROCK CLIMBING • TALENT SHOWS

NATURE EDUCATION • SPECIAL GUESTS •
FUN & GAMES • THEME DAYS • COOK OUTS

The majority of activities require teamwork and appreciation of each other's strengths. Through such activities, campers experience positive social interaction and cooperation. Emphasizing a friendly and noncompetitive environment, we aim to provide summer camp memories that can serve as inner coping resources and build confidence.

Summer is just around the corner!
Register for Sibling Connections Camp Week Now!
It's *FREE!*



TRANSPORTATION

Getting to camp is easy! Channel 3 Kids Camp will provide transportation to all attendees. Pick up and drop off locations will be determined once all applications have been received and approved.

APPLICATION

The deadline for registration is July 1st.

The application is **ONLINE**. All enrollment directions are available at portal.ct.gov/DCF - Scroll down to Sibling Connections Camp.

Forms must be completed and submitted through the Channel 3 Kids Camp online portal prior to the July 1st deadline date. **Completed applications with all documents uploaded must be received by July 1 or the application will be deleted.** Applications must be submitted by the DCF Social workers.

The Channel 3 Kids Camp is located alongside the Skungamaug River on 150 wooded acres in Andover and Coventry, CT.

Please call Deb Walters, Organizational Support Manager, at 860-742-2267 x107 with any questions you may have regarding the application process.