



## Community of Practice for Supporting Families of Individuals with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

### Committee Contacts

Goal: Over time, all committees will be co-chaired by a family member, self-advocate, or by a member of the community outside of the social service arena.

Sub-Committee Topic	Purpose of the Group
<b>Information Navigation</b> Co-Facilitator: Marie Bennett <a href="mailto:Marie.Bennett@ct.gov">Marie.Bennett@ct.gov</a> 203-294-5046	Enhance the support provided to families to navigate and access information and services within and outside the disability service systems.
<b>Family Mentoring &amp; Leadership</b> Co-Facilitator: Carmina Cirioli (Parent) <a href="mailto:accirioli@att.net">accirioli@att.net</a> 203-234-9554 Co-Facilitator: Sheri Romblad (Parent) <a href="mailto:theromblads@comcast.net">theromblads@comcast.net</a> 203-506-5710	Expand family to family connections and enhance family's ability to participate in leadership roles.
<b>Person Centered Planning</b> Co-Facilitator: John Tierney <a href="mailto:John.Tierney@ct.gov">John.Tierney@ct.gov</a> 860-616-2046 Co-Facilitator: Kelley Kendall <a href="mailto:Kelley.kendall@ct.gov">Kelley.kendall@ct.gov</a> 203-455-2246	Enhance family access to person-centered training and best practice information.
<b>Self-Directed Services</b> Co-Facilitator: Beth Aura Miller <a href="mailto:Bethaura.Miller@ct.gov">Bethaura.Miller@ct.gov</a> 203-805-7430	Enhance family's ability to self-direct their services.
<b>Social Supports</b> Co-Facilitator: Donna Haley <a href="mailto:Donna.haley@ct.gov">Donna.haley@ct.gov</a> 860-331-2042	Expand & enhance opportunities for individuals to develop positive relationships with others through social and community connections.
<b>Positive Behavior Supports</b> Co-Facilitator: Pam Lyle Co-Facilitator: Pam Lyle <a href="mailto:Lylesforange@aol.com">Lylesforange@aol.com</a> 203-671-5271 Co-Facilitator: Peter Tolisano <a href="mailto:Peter.tolisano@ct.gov">Peter.tolisano@ct.gov</a> 860-418-6086	Enhance crisis prevention, crisis intervention and positive behavior supports to individuals and their families
<b>Housing Support Options</b> Co-Facilitator: Joshua Scalora <a href="mailto:Joshua.scalora@ct.gov">Joshua.scalora@ct.gov</a> 860-418-6119	Expand and enhance creative housing options that are based upon person-centered planning and personal choice
<b>Employment</b> Co-Facilitator: Amy Blazawski <a href="mailto:Amy.Blavawski@ct.gov">Amy.Blavawski@ct.gov</a> 860-263-2449	Expand individuals access to competitive jobs
<b>Healthy Living</b> Co-Facilitator: Lakisha Hyatt <a href="mailto:Lakisha.hyatt@ct.gov">Lakisha.hyatt@ct.gov</a> 860-418-6083	Enhance family access to health information & to community-based health services

<b>Technology</b> Co-Facilitator: Robin Wood: <a href="mailto:robin.wood@ct.gov">robin.wood@ct.gov</a> , 860-418-6035	Expand & enhance the use technology at home, at work and while participating in leisure activities
<b>In-Home Supports/Respite</b> Co-Facilitator-Lorraine Gendron <a href="mailto:lorraine.gendron@ct.gov">lorraine.gendron@ct.gov</a> 203-806-8727  Robin Wood: <a href="mailto:robin.wood@ct.gov">robin.wood@ct.gov</a> 860-418-6035	Expand the ability to provide high-quality in-home supports and out-of-home respite supports.
<b>Collaborating Across the Lifespan- Engaging Young Families 0-8</b> Co-Facilitator: Deborah Anderson <a href="mailto:Debra.J.Anderson@ct.gov">Debra.J.Anderson@ct.gov</a> 860-418-6031 Co-Facilitator: Lynn Fogg-Cornelio <a href="mailto:Lynn.Fogg-Cornelio@ct.gov">Lynn.Fogg-Cornelio@ct.gov</a> 860-418-7016	Collaborate with SDE staff and others to enhance families' ability to access needed supports when their child is 0-8.
<b>Collaborating Across the Lifespan- Engaging Families During the Middle School Years 9-15</b> Co-Facilitator- Greg Lawton <a href="mailto:Greg.Lawton@ct.gov">Greg.Lawton@ct.gov</a> 860-456-6307	Collaborate with SDE staff and others to enhance families' ability to access needed supports when their child is 9-15.
<b>Collaborating Across the Lifespan- Engaging Families During the School Transition Years 16-21</b> Co-Facilitator- Brian Smith <a href="mailto:Brian.smith@ct.gov">Brian.smith@ct.gov</a> 203-806-8823	Collaborate with SDE staff and others to enhance families' ability to access needed supports when their child is 16-21.