



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

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