



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



Dear Members of the General Assembly,

The following required information is Pursuant to Section 37 of PA 19-117 respectfully submitted by the Department of Housing and the Department of Children and Families on February 10, 2021.

The number of DCF involved families who were accepted into the DCF rental assistance program from the waitlist are as follows:

*On Jan. 1, 2019, 163 families, were identified as reunification families on the waitlist. Of the 163 families, 74 were admitted and housed on SHF subsidy since July 1, 2019. Of the 74 families, 112 children have either been reunified or are in the process of reunification with their families. To date 52 families have been leased up on a DCF RAP vouchers and another 40 families have DCF RAP vouchers that are being processed. Another Seven (7) families have submitted their applications for a DCF RAP voucher. And one (1) remaining DCF RAP voucher is left to be assigned to DCF family.*

DCF's Supportive Housing for Families (SHF) provides the following services provided as part of the program:

- ❖ *Weekly home-based case management services*
- ❖ *In-home vocational services*
- ❖ *Clothes and supplies for families entering the work force*
- ❖ *Referrals to mental health services*
- ❖ *Referrals to substance use/relapse prevention programs*
- ❖ *Budgeting assistance*
- ❖ *Apartment search assistance*
- ❖ *Landlord mediation*
- ❖ *Security deposit*
- ❖ *Temporary rental subsidy*
- ❖ *Payment of past due utility bills*
- ❖ *Furniture for new apartment*
- ❖ *Child care/camp*

The average cost of such services per family is \$15,631. The average number of days that families participated in the program is *584 days or just over 18 months*. Families who participate in the DCF Supportive Housing for Families receive an intense level of case management services that includes rental assistance to meet their highly complex child welfare needs.

The outcomes for such families six months after leaving the program are often good. Families will successfully complete case management services by achieving individualized goals for families and their children. The DCF families often engage in mental health, substance use, intimate partner violence and other trauma informed services that help restore positive family functioning and maintain the health and safety of the children.

*Of the 52 families that received a DCF RAP, 32 families were discharged from the SHF program. A total of 23 families have reached the six-month post-discharge benchmark. Their outcomes are as follows; 19 Families have had no repeat maltreatment or had a child return to DCF Care since discharge. 2 Families currently are under a pending DCF investigation but none of the children have had a re-entry into DCF Care. 1 Family had an incident of repeat mal-treatment by a non-household member (Father) due to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). There was no substantiation against the Mother (victim) in this incident. 1 Family did have a child re-enter care due to the Mother's relapse. Child was placed with a relative caregiver.*



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Commissioner