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SUMMARY REPORT
TO
WOMEN & GIRLS
FULL COUNCIL
WED JAN 13, 2021

**Health and Safety
subcommittee**

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WOMEN-AND-GIRLS/HEALTH-AND-SAFETY-SUBCOMMITTEE](https://portal.ct.gov/office-of-the-governor/working-groups/governors-council-on-women-and-girls/health-and-safety-subcommittee)

HIGHLIGHTS OF LAST SUBCOMMITTEE MTG DATE: MONDAY DECEMBER 7, 2020

- 31 attendees;

Sharing of exciting initiatives or great day-to-day work that organizations embarking on to enhance the health and safety of women and girls.

- **DMHAS** P.R.O.U.D. and anti-stigma social media campaign associated with women who are pregnant and struggling with opioids
- **OEC**-- CT Cares for Workforce Development Program; about 160 family child care homes in process of licensure
- **DCF** CARELINE volume was down about 50% in the fall; COVID 19 website over 25,000 unique URLs visited to obtain statewide resource information
- **CHA** conference on *Alliance for Innovation and Maternal Health* sharing information on making labor and birthing safer for women.
- **CT Women's Consortium** live streamed film "*Push Out – The Criminalization of Black Girls*", then f/u **Sen. Marilyn Moore** moderating a State panel discussion
- **Representative Borer** Chairwoman of the Women's caucus of the Connecticut General Assembly (CGA), bi weekly bi partisan mtgs; invited agencies opportunity to get in front of members and provide information caucus members can take back to their constituents.



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- **Jane Doe No More**, which is a non-profit that empowers survivors of sexual crimes to find their voice, enhance their healing and educate others, have been doing more virtual meetings since the pandemic. The all survivor-led organization has a closed social media group & is a non-judgement zone where the group provides inspiration and support.
- The **Hope Family Justice Center** of Greater New Haven, provides free wrap-around services with over sixty-two partners delivering direct and immediate services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and crimes. Pandemic uptick these crimes and hospitalizations so the organization has been able to work with the hospitals, DCF, law enforcement, legal attorneys, community action agencies, counselors and advocates
- **YWCA Hartford region**, very successful virtual YWLC leadership development program, for girls ages 13 to 18, to re-engage students back into the school system. They discuss racial justice, gender equity and advocacy.
- Dr Spivey referenced the **Opioid Task Force** grant in New Britain and meeting with health providers, emergency responders and the city health department. A faith-based organization has also been created to work with substance abusers. More work planned with CMHA.

ALL SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDAS AND NOTES FOUND ON THE LINK BELOW:

<https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/Working-Groups/Governors-Council-on-Women-and-Girls/Health-and-Safety-Subcommittee>

COVID 19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE



Ashley Frechette,
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- CT Safe Connect-- 18 member organizations remained open 24/7 to serve victims and survivors of IPV.
- Contacts have increased by more than 30%; shift to remote communication and mobile advocacy.
- June 2020 saw an increase in complexity of cases
- Isolation created by COVID-19 has triggers some victims/survivors, even when violence is not present.
- Safe Connect and member programs able to file restraining order applications completely online while the courthouses were closed or with reduced hours.
- Provide emergency shelter to victims of DV.

SURVEY PRESENTATION ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON CT'S WOMEN



Hold a phone to the QR code to take a brief survey as part of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women in Connecticut's statewide data collection initiative



Tina Courpas (PCSW)

- PCSW's mission is to provide expertise, research and resource to improve the lives of women and girls in CT.
- The current data collection initiative's
- The data collected will be included in a report that will be shared with the Governor's office, CGA, and other organizations that serve women.
- National statistics suggest job loss, childcare enrollment and wage issues specific to the pandemic.
- The final report available the first quarter of 2021

Economic Impact of COVID-19 on CT's Women Survey Now Live!

This is a crucial statewide data collection initiative assessing the economic security and intersecting issues affecting the women of Connecticut.

Click below to take the survey!

Because we believe in putting YOUR voice front and center for CT's COVID-19 recovery.

[Survey](#)
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<https://www.stamfordadvocate.com/opinion/article/Opinion-An-invitation-to-help-document-if-CT-is-15815493.php#photo-20406592>

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR THE 2021 SESSION ???

- Any additional legislative proposals for consideration of the Health and Safety subcommittee for this session
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UP NEXT FOR WOMEN & GIRLS HEALTH & SAFETY ...



Remember - you can always visit ct.gov/covidvaccine for the most up-to-date information on the vaccine.

Subcommittee meets via MICROSOFT TEAMS the first Monday of every other month. 2021 dates and times in are as follows:

- Feb. 1, 2021 | 10am-noon
- April 5, 2021 | 10am-noon
- June 7, 2021 | 10am – noon
- August 2, 2021 | 10am-noon
- October 4, 2021 | 10am-noon
- December 6, 2021 | 10am-noon