

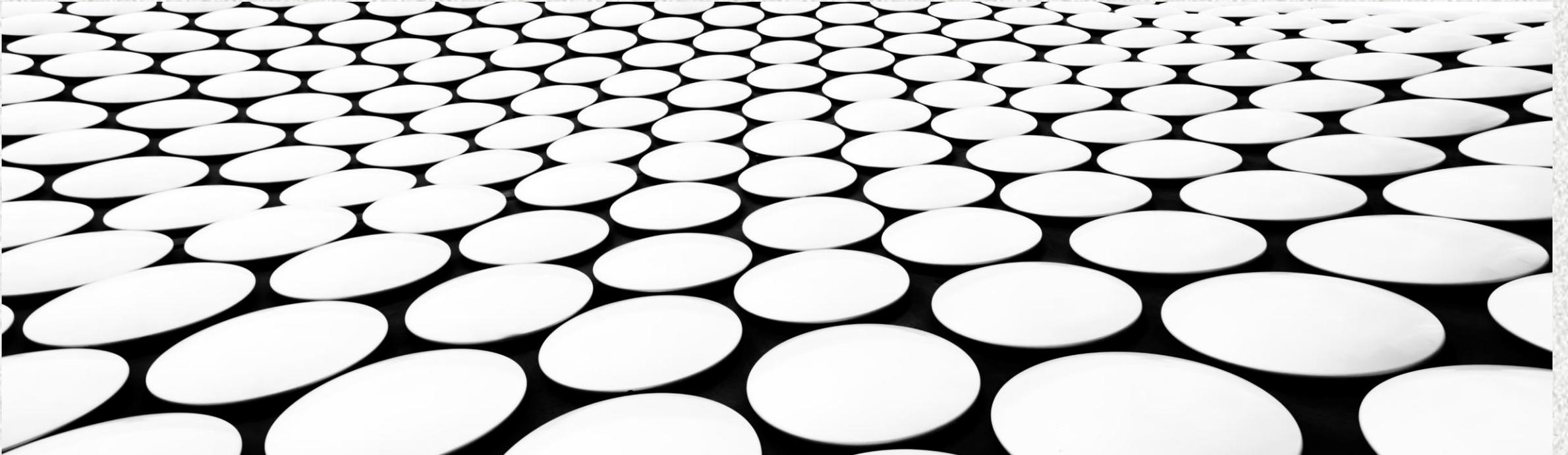
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# GOV COUNCIL ON WOMEN & GIRLS HEALTH & SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

COMMISSIONER BETH BYE – OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD

COMMISSIONER VANNESSA DORANTES – DEPT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES

\*COMMISSIONER MANISHA JUTHANI – DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH





## LAST SUBCMTE MTG OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

- 29 participants
- Welcomed new TriChair:  
Dr Manisha Juthani  
Commissioner  
CT Dept of Public Health
- Roll Call and acknowledged guests in attendance
- Accepted minutes by consensus

# AWARENESS MONTH ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS SIGNIFICANCE FOR HEALTH & SAFETY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



Jessica Dorantes, the state commissioner of children and families, credits early detection of breast cancer for saving her life. Dorantes shared her personal story Wednesday during a news conference on the importance of early detection screenings and breast health education as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

DCF chief, a breast cancer survivor, urges women to get screened

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

### PURPLE THURSDAY 10.21.21

- ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21st**, join the national movement...
- WEAR PURPLE!** A simple, yet meaningful way to raise awareness about **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**.
- SNAP A SELFIE!** Or take a group shot of you & your friends/family/co-workers all wearing purple.
- Post it with **#PURPLETHURSDAY** and tag **CCADV!**  
 FB - @CTCoalitionAgainstDomesticViolence  
 Twitter & Instagram - @CTCADV

**OCTOBER IS  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Purple Domestic Violence Awareness Ties available for purchase at [www.ctcadv.org](http://www.ctcadv.org) \$75 each  
 Vineyard Vines®, 100% imported silk

### cca|DV HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH PROJECT

**TRAINING AVAILABLE!**

**Intimate Partner Violence: Screening & Intervention for Health Professionals**

Intimate Partner Violence is a preventable public health issue that affects millions of Americans according to the Center for Disease Control. Healthcare professionals can and should play a critical role in screening for and responding to this health issue. Most Americans trust their health provider and they come to see you because they want help. Healthcare settings are safe and nurturing - the perfect place to explore options and resources with victims.

Also, did you know that beginning in 2014, all Marketplace and non-grandfathered health insurance plans and Medicaid must cover domestic and interpersonal violence screening and counseling? **HEALTH PROVIDERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT.**

**TRAINING INCLUDES:**

- Prevalence and dynamics of intimate partner violence
- Health professionals' role in screening, education, and intervention
- Best practices and resources that will strengthen interventions
- CT referral sources and other resources to support patient care

**VIRTUAL TRAINING & COACHING SESSIONS AVAILABLE!**  
 Training length can be tailored to fit your needs.  
**CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS ARE AVAILABLE.**  
 Trainings and consultation for policy guidance are **FREE OF COST.**  
 This project is funded by the CT Department of Social Services.  
 Training is provided at no cost.

Please contact **Ashley Starr Frechette, MPH**, Director of the Health Professional Outreach Project at CCADV to schedule your free training!  
 959.202.5014 | [astarr@ctcadv.org](mailto:astarr@ctcadv.org) | [www.ctcadv.org](http://www.ctcadv.org)

**You Can Make a Difference!**  
 Addressing intimate partner violence in healthcare settings is important!

- You provide a safe and nurturing environment.
- You have existing relationships with patients and provide information that they can trust.
- You can help connect your patient's current health issue to the abusive relationship she or he may be experiencing.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS RECOMMEND SCREENING!**

- American Medical Association
- American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American Nursing Association
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- Institute of Medicine
- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and Health Care Organizations
- US Preventative Services Task Force

[http://www.ctcadv.org/files/5115/9499/5962/Training\\_Available\\_flyer\\_7.20.pdf](http://www.ctcadv.org/files/5115/9499/5962/Training_Available_flyer_7.20.pdf)

# PRESENTATION: LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

VIN RUSSO – DCF

MARY KATE MASON – DMHAS

MAGGIE ADAIR – OEC

*“It’s a wonderful opportunity when a state agency can collaborate and work with outside organizations and push for an initiative. One thing about passionate advocacy is that when you don’t have an answer, be honest and say you don’t know have the answer and will get back when you have it. It builds trust and respect.” MA*



*“Be trustworthy, your word is your biggest asset at the Capital.*

- 1. When you don’t know the answer*
- 2. Get the answer*
- 3. When you finally get the answer, let it be correct*

*...Being remote we saw more participation in the public hearing process. Legislators were seeing and hearing more testimonies than ever before. Which was a beautiful thing.” VR*

*“...this committee has always been active working at causes and practices that can promote women and girls and nationally there are a lot of concerns for women and girls so it’s important that attention is paid to policies that need to be pushed forward on a national level. This committee is a large group has a lot of powerful voices and we welcome to opportunity to use those voices to promote women and girls in an individual compacity on behalf of the group.” MKM*

# DISCUSSION REGARDING ITEMS PUT FORTH IN PAST SESSIONS THAT HAVE NOT GOTTEN PASSED:

- ❑ Diaper program for infants and toddlers through Medicaid
- ❑ An act concerning period product availability for middle and high school students
- ❑ IPV training mandate for state employees within 6 months of hire
- ❑ Proposed DV child/family advocates
- ❑ The establishment of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention

**Agency Legislative Proposal - 2022 Session**

Document Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
*(if submitting electronically, please label with date, agency, and title of proposal - 092622\_S04\_TechRevisions)*

State Agency: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
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Phone: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
E-mail: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
Lead agency division requesting this proposal: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
Agency Analyst/Drafter of Proposal: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Title of Proposal: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
Statutory Reference: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
Proposal Summary: [Click here to enter text.](#)

**PROPOSAL BACKGROUND**

**Reason for Proposal**  
Please consider the following, if applicable:  
(1) How have there been changes in federal/state/fiscal laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary?  
(2) Has this proposal or something similar been implemented in other states? If yes, what is the outcome(s)? Are other states considering something similar this year?  
(3) How certain constituencies called for this action?  
(4) What would happen if this was not enacted in law this session?  
[Click here to enter text.](#)

**Origin of Proposal**  New Proposal  Resubmission  
*(if this is a resubmission, please share:)*  
(1) What was the reason this proposal did not pass, or if applicable, was not included in the Administration's package?  
(2) Have there been negotiations/discussions during or after the previous legislative session to improve this proposal?  
(3) Who were the major stakeholders/advocates/legislators involved in the previous work on this legislation?  
(4) What was the last action taken during the past legislative session?  
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**PROPOSAL IMPACT**

**AGENCIES AFFECTED** *(please list for each affected agency)*  
Agency Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
Agency Contact (name, title, phone): [Click here to enter text.](#)  
Date Contacted: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Approve of Proposal  YES  NO  Talks Ongoing  
Summary of Affected Agency's Comments: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
Will there need to be further negotiation?  YES  NO

**FISCAL IMPACT** *(please include the proposal section that causes the fiscal impact and the anticipated impact)*  
Municipal: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
State: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
Federal: [Click here to enter text.](#)  
Additional notes on fiscal impact: [Click here to enter text.](#)

**POLICY and PROGRAMMATIC IMPACTS** *(Please specify the proposal section associated with the impact)*  
[Click here to enter text.](#)

**EVIDENCE BASE**  
*What data will be used to track the impact of this proposal over time, and what measurable outcome do you anticipate? Is that data currently available or must it be developed? Please provide information on the measurement and evaluation plan. Where possible, those plans should include process and outcome components. For MacArthur Results First evidence deficiencies, see [evidence deficiencies](#).*  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next virtual  
Health and Safety  
Subcommittee mtg :

**Dec 6, 2021**

**10am-noon**

- CHA will be facilitating a training, in partnership with DMHAS & DCF related to CAPTA entitled:

***Supporting, Not Reporting: Revisiting CAPTA and Plans of Safe Care through Provider Practice and Patient Empowerment***

Here is the registration link: [Register for a Course \(school-network.net\)](https://portal.ct.gov/school-network.net)

- **CT COVID-19 Vaccine Portal**  
[https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/?language=en\\_US](https://portal.ct.gov/vaccine-portal/?language=en_US)

***\*Reminded subcommittee member agencies of the importance of disseminating accurate information from reliable, credible COVID 19 vaccination sources***