

To: Tanya Hughes, Executive Director  
From: Cheryl Sharp, Executive Deputy Director  
Re: **CHRO Outreach Activities**  
Date: May 1, 2026

## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

### Outreach Successes:

- **Social Media**

Facebook 2.1k followers, Instagram 1,608 followers, LinkedIn 508 followers  
Attorney Jody Walker-Smith and investigator Cheyanne Clark prepared 11 DEI social media posts for Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Anthony Pragano submitted 5 posts to Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn accounts.

- **Menopause Panel - LOB**

**Attendees: 50+**

04/01 – Michelle Dumas Keuler – Managing Director/Commission Counsel spoke on panel regarding menopause as a protected class and in general about menopause

- **Monthly Investigator Meeting**

**Attendees: 10+**

04/01 - HRO Reps. Cheyanne Clark and Jo Keogh organized and attended the monthly investigator meeting.

- **Clerical Training Plan**

**Attendees: 8**

04/01 - HRO Rep. Aubri Petersen continued the training of new clerical staff throughout April and completed a finalized clerical training plan to serve as a permanent resource for the agency.

- **KCA**

**Attendees: 75+**

04/07 – 04/21 – Michelle Dumas Keuler – Managing Director – Legal – attend and KCA including break out rooms.

- **2026 Kids Court Academy (KCA)**

**Attendees: 80+**

04/07 - KCA viewed the film *America's Mass Incarceration Problem/INCARCERATING US*, followed by a discussion centered around this year's theme The Criminal Justice System and Fair and Impartial Policing, moderated by Ashley Stewart.

- **Meeting with Full Power Radio**  
**Attendees: 4**  
 04/08 - Deputy Executive Director, Cheryl Sharp and Outreach Coordinator, Ana Mitchell met with Full Power Radio representative to discuss partnership in providing radio advertising to their markets
- **CT Black & Puerto Rican Caucus Annual Spring Event**  
**Attendees: 150**  
 04/09 - The BPRC hosted its annual event attended by Deputy Executive Director Cheryl Sharp, State Program Manager-Johnette Tolliver, Outreach Coordinator-Ana Mitchell & Storekeeper-Micheal Mitchell.
- **BPRC – Spring Fling**  
**Attendees: 100+**  
 04/09 – Michelle Dumas Keuler – Managing Director/Commission Counsel
- **BITS website modernization meeting**  
**Attendees: 9**  
 04/10 - Attorney Jonathan Sykes led a meeting to review BITS website modernization mock-ups, focusing on the Home and "File a Complaint" pages, with staff providing feedback for the next phase of development.
- **BITS website modernization meeting**  
**Attendees: 9**  
 04/14 – Outreach Coordinator - Ana Mitchell attended a BITS website modernization mock-ups, focusing on the Home and "File a Complaint" pages, with staff providing feedback for the next phase of development.
- **CTRP3 Community Outreach Subcommittee meeting**  
**Attendees: 12+**  
 04/15 Deputy Executive Director Cheryl Sharp and Outreach Coordinator Ana Mitchell attended this meeting.
- **Meeting with Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection**  
**Attendees: 3**  
 4/16 Outreach Coordinator, Ana Mitchell met with DESPP Office of the Commissioner Senior Advisor, Curtis Eller of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to discuss their summer internship program and CHRO presentation opportunities for their program.
- **CT State Community College Career Fair**  
**Attendees: N/A**  
 04/16 - Attorney Spencer Hill represented the Commission at the CT State Community College Career Fair.

- **Senior Companion Program: Mental Health and Elder Justice Conference**  
**Attendees: 40+**  
 04/17 - Deputy Executive Director, Cheryl A. Sharp, Outreach Coordinator, Ana Mitchell and Executive Staff, Michael Mitchell spoke/attended this event to participate in a discussion on creating meaningful conversations and solutions for the Waterbury community.
- **AJ's We Care Campaign**  
**Attendees: 40+**  
 04/17 - Deputy Executive Director, Cheryl A. Sharp, Outreach Coordinator, Ana Mitchell and Storekeeper, Michael Mitchell, co-sponsored by the CHRO, attended this event. This event was a project created by KCA student Annie Stewart, to raise money and collect relief resources to be distributed to local organizations with a mission to support struggling immigrant families.
- **New Employee Legal Training**  
**Attendees: 6**  
 04/17 – 04/30 – Attorney Jody Walker-Smith prepared and delivered a new 10-day Legal Training for the CHRO's new employee onboarding, including meet and greets with CHRO leadership and the Legal Division, assignment materials and exercises, live trainings and panels, and two daily check-ins with legal staff.
- **"Dancing in the Shadow of Sleeping Giant" Powwow at Quinnipiac University**  
**Attendees: N/A**  
 04/19 - Human Rights Attorney Timothy Lewendon attended the "Dancing in the Shadow of Sleeping Giant" Powwow at Quinnipiac University, an event celebrating indigenous culture through traditional dancing, drumming, and song.
- **CT Fair Housing Center – Fair Housing Month Webinar – Sustaining the Soul of Fair Housing**  
**Attendees: 50+**  
 04/20 – Michelle Dumas Keuler – Managing Director – Legal – panel presenter on future of fair housing.
- **2026 Kids Court Academy (KCA)**  
**Attendees: 85+**  
 04/21 - Hosted by Deputy Executive Director Cheryl A. Sharp, Outreach Coordinator, Ana Mitchell CHRO and Managing Legal Director-Housing, Michelle Dumas Keuler, The Honorable Juliett Crawford Executive Assistant State's Attorney, Gail Hardy reviewed the case – Griswold vs Connecticut (1965 Landmark US) with the KCA students. Their synopsis helped the students understand a complex case centered around married couples' right to make decisions on family planning without state interference.

- **Kids Court Academy (KCA)**  
**Attendees: 75**  
 04/21 - Attorney Stephanie O'Loughlin participated in the Kids Court Academy (KCA) session.
- **CHRO Fair Housing Month Webinar – Section 8 Unpacked**  
**Attendees: 103**  
 04/22 – Michelle Dumas Keuler – Managing Director – organizer and panel presenter on hearing process/damages and legislation this session
- **Section 8 unpacked**  
**Attendees: 100**  
 04/22 - Legal Director Kimberly Jacobsen and other staff will attend this CHRO training.
- **CHRO's "Section 8 Unpacked" webinar**  
**Attendees: 100**  
 04/22 - Managing Legal Director Kimberly Jacobsen, Attorneys Renee Vandenwallbake and Cassandra Bretones, and HRO Rep. Cheyanne Clark participated in the webinar, which was attended by over 100 members of the public. Attorneys Jonathan Sykes and Spencer Hill provided technical support for the event.
- **CTRP3 Community Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Attendees: 12+**  
 04/23 - Deputy Executive Director Cheryl Sharp and Outreach Coordinator Ana Mitchell attended this meeting held at the Legislative Office Building.
- **CT Apartment Owners Association – Fair Housing Training**  
**Attendees: 22**  
 04/24 – Michelle Dumas Keuler – Managing Attorneys Legal Division – two-hour comprehensive fair housing training.
- **Run for Veterans Road Races in Guilford**  
**Attendees: N/A**  
 04/26 - Human Rights Attorney Timothy Lewendon managed a CHRO information table at the Run for Veterans Road Races in Guilford supporting VFW Post 7666 fundraising programs.
- **CT Conn NAHRO – Select Topics in Fair Housing Training**  
**Attendees: 200+**  
 04/28 – Michelle Dumas Keuler – Managing Attorneys Legal Division – 1.5-hour training on hot topics in fair housing

- **West Hartford Commission for Persons with Disabilities – Fair Housing Training**  
**Attendees: 20+**  
 04/28 – Michelle Dumas Keuler & Kimberly Jacobsen – Managing Attorneys Legal Division – comprehensive training on general protections with a focus on disability.
- **Windsor Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**  
**Attendees: 75+**  
 04/28 - Outreach Coordinator, Ana Mitchell and Storekeeper, Michael Mitchell attended this event at Windsor High School as a thank you to people, including from the CHRO, who have volunteered their time to support Windsor students, families and schools.
- **West Hartford Disability Commission Fair Housing**  
**Attendees: 40**  
 04/28 - Managing Legal Directors Michelle Dumas Keuler and Kimberly Jacobsen presented at the West Hartford Disability Commission Fair Housing event.
- **Spring Intern Symposium, "No Barriers, No Limits: Access to Education"**  
**Attendees: 80**  
 04/29 - Managing Legal Director Kimberly Jacobsen, Attorneys Courtney Shields, Liz Moyse, Spencer Hill, and Megan Graefe, and HRO Rep. Cheyanne Clark participated in the at the Legislative Office Building. Attorney Megan Graefe served as a featured panelist for the event. Attorney Jonathan Sykes provided technical support for the event.
- **2026 Spring Symposium - No Barriers, No Limits: Access to Education, Advancing Equity in Connecticut's School Systems**  
**Attendees: 75+**  
 04/29 - The CHRO Executive Interns hosted this symposium with the following esteemed panelists:
 
  - Megan K. Graefe – CHRO Human Rights Attorney
  - Melvette Hill – Executive Director of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity
  - Dr. Steven Perry – Founder of Capital Preparatory Magnet Schools
  - James M. Jones – CEO of the New Britain Boys & Girls Club
  - Gladys Labas – Professor of Educational Leadership at Southern Connecticut State University
  - Sinthia Sone-Moyano – Deputy Commissioner-Connecticut Educational Supports and Wellness for the Connecticut State Department of Education
- **Connecticut NAACP Youth & Legislative Day**  
**Attendees: 200+**  
 04/30 - Deputy Executive Director, Cheryl A. Sharp, Outreach Coordinator, Ana Mitchell and Storekeeper, Michael Mitchell attended this event that featured "...Attorney Ben Crump. Together with the Black & Puerto Rican Caucus, we advocated for the Stevie Jones Bill, aimed at supporting individuals in mental health crises through non-lethal interventions."

## Future Outreach Activities:

- **Social Media**  
Attorneys Jody Walker-Smith and Courtney Shields, and investigator Cheyanne Clark are preparing DEI social media posts for Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- **New Employee Legal Training**  
05/01 – 05/14 – Attorney Jody Walker-Smith updated and delivered a 10-day Legal Training for the CHRO's new employee onboarding, including a meet and greet with CHRO leadership, assignment materials and exercises, live trainings and panels, and two daily check-ins with legal staff.
- **Annual Shipman Spring Seminar**  
05/04 - Legal Directors Kimberly Jacobsen and Michelle Dumas Keuler will attend this seminar.
- **DEI Summit Planning Meeting**  
05/05 - Attorney Jody Walker-Smith will attend the CBA's DEI Summit subcommittee's planning meeting.
- **2026 Kids Court Academy (KCA)**  
05/05 - KCA will be screening the film Racial Profiling 2.0 followed by a discussion moderated by Ashley Stewart.
- **Minority Construction Council's Partnership Dinner**  
05/05 - Executive Director, Tanya Hughes, Deputy Executive Director, Cheryl A. Sharp and Human Rights Attorney, Spencer Hill plan to attend this event being hosted at the Aqua Turf.
- **State of CT Contract Compliance Information Sessions - Bridgeport**  
05/06 – HRO Atty, Spencer Hill, Outreach Coordinator, Ana Mitchell, Contract Complaint Manager, Alvin Bingham, Southwest Regional Manager, Travis Fuller and Executive Staff, Michael Mitchell attend the program. Following the release of the Statewide Disparity Study showing significant disparities in the state contracting, new legislation going into effect on July 1, 2026, has overhauled Connecticut's contract compliance program to ensure that all businesses are given an equal opportunity to bid on state contracts. The Contract Compliance Unit will be hosting informational sessions around the state to go over how the new program works and what contractors need.
- **Regional Manager Coverage**  
05/07, 05/14, 5/21, and 05/28 – Attorney Jody Walker-Smith will be reviewing all Eastern's affidavits, draft and final investigative reports, and other work, as well as answering all legal questions on Thursdays until further notice.

- **Commission on Racial and Ethnic Disparity (CRED)**  
05/11 - Deputy Executive Director, Cheryl A. Sharp, plans to attend this meeting.
- **The Works Help Foundation Book Giveaway**  
05/12 - Deputy Executive Director, Cheryl A. Sharp will be co-sponsoring this event where free books will be given to students to aid in the development of strong literacy skills and provide more access for students.
- **Capitol Region Education Council**  
05/14 - Deputy Executive Director, Cheryl A. Sharp, Outreach Coordinator, Ana Mitchell and Executive staff, Michael Mitchell are invited as speakers at this event being held at the Chrysalis Center to discuss integration.
- **Crosby High School Presentation**  
05/14 - Deputy Executive Director, Cheryl A. Sharp, Outreach Coordinator, Ana Mitchell and Executive staff, Michael Mitchell are invited to this event.
- **DOC training**  
05/14 - Legal Directors Kimberly Jacobsen and Michelle Dumas Keuler will train DOC management
- **2026 Fair Housing Series Interview + National Magazine Article | The Power Is Now Media**  
05/15 - Executive Director, Tanya Hughes and Deputy Executive Director, Cheryl A. Sharp received an invitation for a 30-minute recorded interview with Eric Lawrence Frazier MBA — aired on The Power Is Now TV Network (Roku Fire TV Apple TV) YouTube Apple Podcasts Spotify and The Power Is Now National Magazine. Their focus is centered around “...your recent op-ed affirming that Connecticut is moving full steam ahead on civil rights enforcement at a moment when federal protections are being dismantled”.
- **2026 Kids Court Academy (KCA)**  
05/19 - KCA will be reviewing the Bill: Legislative AI Bill an ACT concerning Artificial Intelligence Senate Bill #2 Testimony in support SB2.
- **Regional Office Hours**  
05/19 – Attorney Jody Walker-Smith will travel to the CHRO’s Norwich office to spend the day there answering legal questions and providing legal assistance to Eastern Region staff.
- **MAC meeting**  
05/20 - Legal Directors Kimberly Jacobsen will attend this monthly meeting
- **State of CT Contract Compliance Information Sessions - Hartford**  
05/20 - The Contract Compliance Unit will be hosting informational sessions around the state to go over how the new program works and what contractors need to know about compliance.

- **CTRP3 Community Outreach Subcommittee**  
05/27 - Deputy Executive Director, Cheryl A. Sharp and Outreach Coordinator, Ana Mitchell plan to attend this meeting.
- **CHRO Summer Intern Program Orientation**  
05/28 – 05/29 – Attorneys Spencer Hill and Jody Walker-Smith will provide legal summer interns with orientation training on the CHRO's process and the law.

- **GRANTS**

We wrapped up the three grants from HUD: CARES, Health Equity and COVID-19. We were awarded a HUD partnership grant so that CHRO can partner with the Connecticut Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity (CWCSEO) to plan a fair housing webinar and video PSA. We have also applied for several grants with OPM to use CARE funds for civil rights conventions and conference and to get needed staff and equipment to meet the demands presented post-pandemic.

- **VIDEO PROJECTS**

- **PSA on Allyship**  
The Executive Interns of the CHRO have created a public service announcement on allyship. It was released to the public in mid-August of 2020.
- **Life after Incarceration Video Project**  
The Executive and Deputy Directors and members of the legal department will begin production of a documentary film on policing, incarceration, and civil rights in Connecticut. The film will focus on Connecticut as a national leader in reducing the number of incarcerated individuals in Connecticut and the civil rights forward thinking and action in Connecticut. It will focus on the housing and employment challenges faced by formerly incarcerated individuals and will be used as a training tool for future seminars and conferences that will focus on this topic. This is a long-term project with a target date of 2022 for completion. The project will focus on the lives of at least three formerly incarcerated individuals and look at any civil rights injustices that may have contributed to the negative outcomes for these three individuals. Two formerly incarcerated individuals were interviewed for the film, by CHRO intern Matt Stayner.
- **What is Affirmative Action? What is Contract Compliance? Video Project**  
In order to address the misconceptions related to affirmative action and contract compliance the CHRO will develop, produce, post and distribute a short video project about affirmative action and contract compliance, its purpose, who is helped, what it all means, how people in the state of Connecticut are helped by these programs, the detrimental effects of not having these types of programs and how both programs are good for business and business friendly. The project will be led by CHRO Deputy Director, the AA/CC Unit and CHRO Attorney Michelle Dumas Keuler.

- **SB3**  
On October 1, 2019, the CHRO rolled out its sexual harassment training video that was filmed at 450 Columbus Boulevard in Hartford. The video is available to all CT employees and their staff. The video complies with the statutory mandate that the CHRO provide training materials and free training for the public by October 1, 2019. The law changed in 2021 and has been updated; so, has the video.
- **From Lemonade to Light Post Documentary**  
The CHRO will be producing a documentary film that has been entitled Lemonade to Light Post. The focus of the film is human trafficking as a civil rights issue in Connecticut. Human trafficking disproportionately affects African American females in Connecticut and the CHRO will define the issues and interview experts who can help solve the crisis in Connecticut. The CHRO will also take a broader look at the issue to address all the civil rights issues embedded within the subject matter of human trafficking.

## CONTRACT COMPLIANCE/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OUTREACH

### Future Activities:

None Reported

### Past Activities:

- **04/09 - Contract Compliance Technical Assistance Training**  
**Attendees: 35**
- **04/09 - Contract Compliance Training for Municipalities**  
**Attendees: 3**

### AA/CC

AA TA: N/A

CC TA: 1283

AA Meetings: N/A

CC TA Session: 2

## REGIONAL OUTREACH AND HOUSING AT A GLANCE

### Housing

#### Future Activities:

None reported

#### Past Activities:

- **Connecticut Foodshare Headquarters**  
**Attendees: 36**  
03/25 - Housing Investigator Cyndi Dryfe and John Torres attended. Did an overview of what was needed for volunteers for food processing and took a tour of the warehouse.

- **Monthly Investigator Meeting**  
**Attendees: 9**  
 04/01 - Housing Investigator Jacqueline Elam attended. Monthly meeting for investigators, which provides a collegial environment to support our work, foster connection and collaboration with peers, and strengthen our collective practices. It is an opportunity to discuss challenging cases, exchange insights, and work toward greater consistency in our approaches to intake, mediations, and investigations.
- **Housing History Storybook**  
**Attendees: 3**  
 04/06 - Housing Supervisor Diane Carter, Housing Investigator's John Torres, and Jacqueline Elam attended. Worked on a storybook regarding the history of the CHRO Housing Division.
- **Kids Court Academy**  
**Attendees: 97**  
 04/07 - Housing Investigator Shaun Jones attended. Watched the film called "America's Mass Incarceration Problem – Incarcerating US" then held a group discussion afterward.
- **Website Modernization**  
**Attendees: 8**  
 04/10 - Housing Secretary Stephanie Chenard attended. In this discovery session, we went over placement of materials and website language.
- **BITS-Work Smarter, Not Harder with Power Automate**  
**Attendees: 72**  
 04/14 - Housing Investigator Jacqueline Elam attended. In this webinar, you learned about how to let automation handle the routine so you can drive results. With Power Automate, everyday processes become hands off, giving you more time for strategy, service, and impact.
- **YWCA - In the Company of Women Luncheon**  
**Attendees: 100+**  
 04/16 - Housing Investigator's Cyndi Dryfe and Jacqueline Elam attended. YWCA Hartford Region's signature fundraising event. Since 1996, they've invited inspirational speakers to share their stories and lift our community. The event has grown to become one of the state's largest networking events.
- **Kids Court Academy**  
**Attendees: TBD**  
 04/21 - Housing Investigator Shaun Jones will attend. In this session of Kids Court Academy, they will have guest speakers talk about the case "Griswold v. Connecticut (1965 Landmark US) and then hold a discussion afterwards.

- **CHRO - Section 8 Unpacked Webinar**  
**Attendees: 100**  
 04/22 - Housing Supervisor Diane Carter, Housing Secretary Stephanie Chenard, and Housing Investigator's Cyndi Dryfe, Shaun Jones, Renee Clarke, Jacqueline Elam, Sunasha Dunham-Carson, and John Torres will attend. In recognition of Fair Housing Month, CHRO hosts speakers from New Haven Legal Association and J. D'Amelia & Associates. Topics include protecting the rights of people unable to engage legal counsel; administering Section 8 and furthering fair housing; and enforcing antidiscrimination law to ensure equal access for all. Housing Investigator Jacqueline Elam will talk about the HDU's process of Fair Housing complaints from intake through post final determination and the CHRO's legal department will close with legislative updates.
- **Reentry Roundtable**  
**Attendees: 8**  
 04/28 - Housing Investigator Jacqueline Elam will attend. Monthly meeting of CT area service providers that provides information and connects returning citizens to vital services for successful reentry in their community. Fair Housing Center presented Blanket Bans and rejections for those with criminal histories.
- **Understanding Social Determinants of Health: Tools for Creating Equitable Outcomes**  
**Attendees: TBD**  
 04/30 - Housing Investigator Sunasha Dunham-Carson will attend. This one-day training equips you with a practical understanding of the social determinants of health and how non-medical factors – such as housing, food access, education, transportation, and economic stability shape individuals and community well-being. Participants will gain tools and strategies to identify social needs, inform policy development, strengthen program design, and support equitable implementation across statewide systems.

## Capitol Region

### **Future Activities:**

None reported

### **Past Activities:**

- **CHRO Kids Court Academy**  
**Attendees: 80**  
 04/07– Representative Franklin Sykes attended virtual TEAMS Kids Court Academy - Film - America's Mass Incarceration Problem | INCARCERATING US

- **CT Statewide Suicide Board Meeting**  
**Attendees: 30**  
 04/09 – Regional Manager Jose-Michael Gonzalez attended virtual Teams event/meeting presented by CT Statewide Suicide Board and DMHAS. Contributions made to the discussion focused on a presentation by Megan Avery and Laura Dell Vandermeulen, MSW Interns on Research on AI and Youth Mental Health and expanding services and supports for marginalized members of our communities, and how to collaborate with them and access services, as well as providing cultural, protected class and accommodations/service perspective. JM also presented on Kids Court Academy, Kids Court Essay Competition, and the CHRO Spring Intern Symposium.
- **CT Black & Puerto Rican Caucus Annual Spring Event**  
**Attendees: 150**  
 04/09 – Regional Manager Jose-Michael Gonzalez attended in-person event/meeting presented by CT Black & Puerto Rican Caucus. Contributions made to the discussion focused on elected officials from the region and their respective state legislators' 2026 priorities and providing an equity perspective. JM also discussed the Kids Court Academy, Kids Court Essay Competition, and the CHRO Spring Intern Symposium.  
 04/09 – Secretary Demetria Leary attended in-person event/meeting presented by CT Black & Puerto Rican Caucus and assisted with attendee sign-in.
- **North Central Region Suicide Advisory Board**  
**Attendees: 35**  
 04/14 – Regional Manager Jose-Michael Gonzalez attended in-person event/meeting presented by Amplify and DMHAS. Contributions made to the discussion focused on Postvention Tabletop Exercise, postvention response is a critical component of suicide prevention, the impact extends to coworkers, family and the broader community. A mock suicide loss was completed in where all attendees engaged in practicing coordinated prevention response, identify individuals at high risk, discuss safe communication/media points practices, explore different sector/business support healing, and identify gaps in a regional response and access services, as well as providing cultural, protected class and accommodations/service perspective. JM also presented on Kids Court Academy, Kids Court Essay Competition, and the CHRO Spring Intern Symposium.
- **Regional Cannabis and Nicotine Awareness Workgroup Quarterly Meeting**  
**Attendees: 20**  
 04/15 – Regional Manager Jose-Michael Gonzalez attended online event/meeting presented by Bryan Champagne, Supervising Special Investigator at TPEP of CT DMHAS & Catalyst CT The Hub. Contributions made to the discussion focused on Retail Visits and Education: Tools for Youth Prevention about prevent youth access to cannabis and nicotine products in the community, the role of retailer visits and education, review of regional data and product trends observed in the field to understand youth access and learning about regulations and prevention resources and providing an equity perspective. JM also presented on Kids Court Academy, Kids Court Essay Competition, and the CHRO Spring Intern Symposium.

- **CT State Community College Career Fair**  
**Attendees: 75+**  
 04/16 - Representative Laura Roxbury assisted in planning and preparing material and giveaway items for the CT State Community College Career Fair for graduating students entering the workforce.

04/16 – Trainee Oliver Morris attended in-person the CT State Community College Career Fair hosted at their Capital College location in Hartford. Attendees were students looking to enter the workforce and learned about their civil rights in the employment process.
- **CT Behavioral Health Partnership**  
**Attendees: 35**  
 04/21 – Regional Manager Jose-Michael Gonzalez attended virtual Teams event/meeting presented by CT Behavioral Health Partnership and Carelon on Gender Affirming Care. Contributions made to the discussion focused on the federal updates/restrictions, medical interventions, mental health and real-world challenges for patients and providers, as well as providing cultural, protected class and accommodations/service perspective. JM also presented on Kids Court Academy, Kids Court Essay Competition, and the CHRO Spring Intern Symposium.
- **CHRO Section 8 Unpacked Presentation**  
**Attendees: 35**  
 04/22 – Regional Manager Jose-Michael Gonzalez attended virtual TEAMS Section 8 Unpacked presentation.
- **CT Statewide CLAS Advisory Council**  
**Attendees: 25**  
 04/24 – Regional Manager Jose-Michael Gonzalez had a virtual Zoom event/meeting presented by DCF and Carelon. Contributions made to the discussion focused on developing, planning and implementing a statewide process for incorporating enhanced Culturally Linguistic Appropriate Services (CLAS) standards within the children’s network of care in CT, as well as providing cultural, protected class and accommodations/service perspective. JM also presented on Kids Court Academy, Kids Court Essay Competition, and the CHRO Spring Intern Symposium.
- **Impact Now International Church**  
**Attendees: 2**  
 04/29 – Secretary Demetria Leary attended in-person outreach meeting/event and distributed Kids Court Academy and Essay Competition pamphlets.
- **CHRO Spring Intern Symposium**  
**Attendees: 100+**  
 04/29 – Representative J. Arnaldo Guadalupe attended in-person outreach spring intern symposium on No Barriers, No Limits: Access to Education symposium.

## Eastern Region

### **Future Activities:**

None reported

### **Past Activities:**

None reported

## West Central Region

### **Future Activities:**

### **Past Activities:**

- **Investigator Meeting**  
**Attendees: 10**  
04/01 - Representative Suzanne Westhaver and Representative Christopher Blustein attended the meeting led by CHRO Legal which discussed investigative strategies.
- **Maple Hill Elementary School Career Day**  
**Attendees: 60+**  
04/02 - Manager Shawn Burns, Representative Christopher Blustein, and Representative Ashanti Fleming presented to children about the CHRO, and the work done by the agency.
- **Kids Court Academy**  
**Attendees: 70+**  
04/07 - Representative Christopher Blustein attended the meeting which was titled "America's Mass Incarceration Problem | INCARCERATING US." The meeting focused on discrimination in the criminal justice system as well as rising incarceration rates.
- **Kids Court Competition Contact**  
**Attendees: 50+**  
04/08 - Representative Ashanti Fleming contacted Superintendents in the West Central Region about having their students participate in the 2026 Kids Court Competition.
- **Kids Court Food Supply Drive**  
**Attendees: 50+**  
04/16 - Representative Sancha Works assisted and participated in the food drive.
- **Diaper Drive for Children, Inc.**  
**Attendees: 10+**  
04/24 - Manager Shawn Burns, Secretary Susan Mota, Representative Sancha Works, Representative Suzanne Westhaver, Representative Ashanti Fleming, and Representative Kristin Hegel helped with diaper collection drive.

## Southwest Region

### **Future Activities:**

None reported

### **Past Activities:**

- **CHRO Kids Court Academy**  
**Attendees: 70**  
04/07 - Regional Manager Travis Fuller attended the Bi-Monthly Kids court Academy Session hosted by Deputy Director Cheryl Sharp with participants engaging in discussions/ films relative to topics surrounding civil rights.
- **CHRO Kids Court Academy**  
**Attendees: 70**  
04/21 - Regional Manager Travis Fuller attended the Bi-Monthly Kids court Academy Session hosted by Deputy Director Cheryl Sharp with participants engaging in discussions/ films relative to topics surrounding civil rights.
- **CHRO Spring Intern Symposium**  
**Attendees Estimate: 70**  
04/29 - Regional Manager Travis Fuller and Investigator Matt Diaz attended the CHRO Spring Intern Symposium “No Barriers, No Limits: Access to Education” in Hartford. The event provided a valuable opportunity for the interns to facilitate discussions on disparities in education and the impact on the community.

Media Inquiries: n/a

Legislative inquiries: 24

Legislative meetings: 13

Legislative public hearings: n/a

Sexual Harassment Law: 20 (April) and 8762 (cumulative)