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To: All Staff
From: Gary Kleeblatt, Communications Director
Date: May 2, 2018
Re: Foster Care Month

Foster Care Month, celebrated every May, is a great opportunity to thank our foster families and highlight the importance of their support for our children in care.

Events celebrating Foster Care Month are already underway in our area offices in collaboration with service providers. Radio stations across the state will broadcast interviews that will support efforts to recruit additional foster families for our kids who deserve good, loving homes. Heart Gallery exhibits will open across the state, and community events are providing venues for the Department to create awareness about the rewards of fostering and adopting.

Later this month, we will announce a grassroots and social media campaign to send the message to the LGBTQ community that in Connecticut we welcome ALL families who want to foster or adopt. The Department will partner with a range of organizations serving LGBTQ individuals to raise awareness of the opportunity for more families to foster and adopt children. Foster care month is a time to celebrate that Connecticut values all families who can provide loving foster and adoptive homes. More information on this new campaign will be made available in the coming month.

In May, let's take the opportunity to thank foster parents and make them feel special! And while we are at it, let's thank our FASU staff and the many people at DCF who help connect our kids to these special families each and every day. Throughout the month, we will be partnering with media outlets across the state to highlight some of our many successes that have come from your hard work and dedication. For that, we thank you!