



MEMORANDUM

TO: DCF All Staff
FROM: CT DCF Commissioner Vanessa Dorantes
DATE: April 3, 2020
SUBJECT: Family Stability Project

This memo is to inform staff that the wind down of the **Family Stability Project (FSP)** – Connecticut's first ever Pay for Success project and the first specifically focused on child welfare and substance use – has commenced. To date, the project has expanded access to Family-Based Recovery (FBR) to over 330 families in Regions 2, 3, and 5, with more still enrolling through the end of the project. This includes approximately 120 families who had an index child age 3-6, which was an adaptation to the traditional FBR model limited to serving families with children age 0-3.

There are many successes to celebrate in this project. In addition to conducting the “gold standard” of evaluation, a randomized controlled trial of FBR, the adaptation of serving children 0-6 has been successful. Through this project, we were able to serve a cohort of parents/caregivers with children age 3-6 combatting substance use disorders for whom we previously had a gap in services. As a result of the successful insights from this project, the FBR statewide network will transition to serving families with children age 0-6. Additional information regarding this transition will follow soon.

In addition, based on the documented demand and utilization of services throughout the project, FBR will be expanded in Region 5 with the addition of one new FBR team beyond the existing state-funded teams.

Below is the wind down plan:

- FSP will stop referrals to the Project on **June 30, 2020**.
- The statewide FBR network has an anticipated start date of transitioning all statewide teams to serve families with children age 0-6 on **July 1, 2020**.
- All six FSP teams will continue to treat families through at least **September 30, 2020**.
- One Region 5 FSP team will transition to a contract team effective **October 1, 2020**.
- One FSP team in Region 2 (YCSC) and one FSP team in Region 3 (UCFS) will continue treating families through **December 31, 2020**.

While the details of this plan are still being finalized, we understand the importance of providing timely information and we will continue to notify the FSP Operations Team group as specific details are finalized. Please contact mary.painter@ct.gov with any questions you may have.

Thank you for all your patience and support over the past several years to make this project a success in ways that will inform DCF's investment in effective substance use services in the coming years. We look forward to sharing additional information in the near future.