

Memorandum

To: All DCF Staff
From: Commissioner Vanessa Dorantes
Date: 1/31/2021
Re: Update on Department Operations and Commissioner Video

"Embracing 2021" is the theme of this month's *Spotlight on What's Right*. The newsletter also highlights the *Best of 2020* along with what we can look forward to this year. <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DCF/SPOTLIGHT/2021/January/SPOTLIGHT-January-Embracing-2021-PRINT-VERSION.pdf>

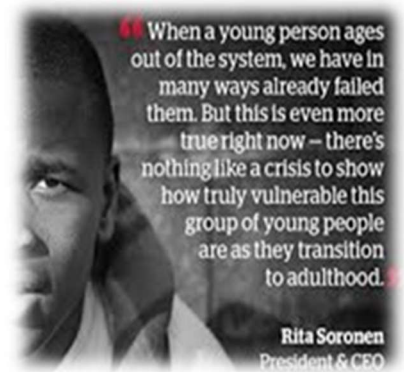


The moratorium on adolescents being discharged from care is **extended** until **9/30/21**.



Therefore, prior to September 30, 2021, the Department shall **not**:

- issue a DCF-800, "Notice of Proposed Denial, Suspension, Reduction, or Discontinuance of Benefits", for non-compliance reasons or due to a recipient reaching the age of twenty-three.
- schedule a fair hearing, issue a fair hearing decision for any youth who may have received a DCF-800 prior to March 1, 2020.



Please watch this week's video here ==> [Commissioner's Weekly Video 1-31-21](#) for more updates including:

- COVID-19 contact tracing themes
- DCF staff receiving the COVID-19 vaccine: **1a** underway & **1b** on deck
*(*note for staff who have/are planning to be vaccinated outside of the DCF state employee planning, please share with Human Resources so our staffing count can be reflected accurately.)*



I continue to be proud of the work you all do every day on behalf CT's children. Throughout this pandemic and beyond-- you strive to keep children safe, strengthen families and support all communities...

Commissioner Dorantes



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