



## CWLA Webinar - Boldly Leading Anti-Racist Work Within the Connecticut Department of Children and Families

September 23, 2020



The Connecticut Department of Children and Families (CT DCF), believes that every child, youth, and family deserve effective supports and services in order to meet their unique needs. CT DCF recognizes and acknowledges how dominant culture, power, and privilege perpetuate racism in our systems, programs, interactions, and decision-making. As a result, CT DCF has been on a journey to become a racially just organization and now, most recently (2020), an anti-racist organization whose beliefs, values, policies, and practices are developed to actively oppose and eliminate racism and support the improvement of outcomes for children, youth, and families. The overarching mission of this work is to examine and redesign CT DCF at all levels as an authentically anti-racist agency. This anti-racist work is taking place in the context of DCF's Safe and Sound culture, as well as supported by it, as it unfolds. In this webinar, presenters will share their experiences as well as insights into the Department's journey, focusing on what it takes to keep the work of racial justice at the forefront, in the background, integrated into, and at all levels in ways that ultimately impact children, families, and communities.

**Presenters:** Vannessa L. Dorantes, Commissioner, Jodi Hill-Lilly, Deputy Commissioner, Tina Jefferson, Bureau Chief of Child Welfare, and Monica Rams, Director of Multicultural Affairs, Connecticut Department of Children and Families; and Jen Agosti, Founder and President, JRA Consulting, Ltd

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