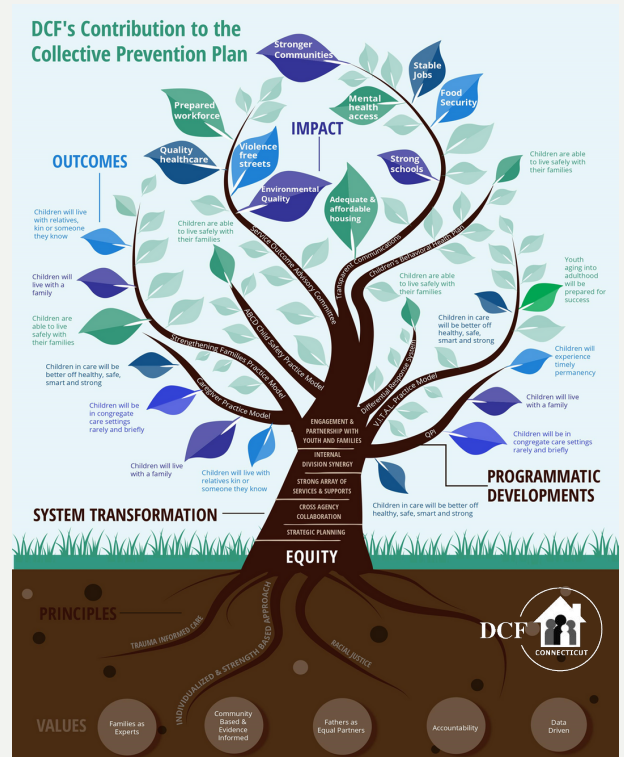


# Connecticut's Family First Plan is Approved

## Why Family First?

Family First is an opportunity to provide enhanced support to children and families and prevent foster care placements through the provision of mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services, in-home parent skill-based programs, and kinship navigator services.



## What's New?

Connecticut's vision is to shift from a system solely focused on child protection, where action is taken after harm to a child has occurred, to a collaborative child well-being system focused on prevention and early intervention. Connecticut's prevention plan is unique. It expands access to evidence-based treatment interventions to children and their caregivers to address particular needs and characteristics. When provided timely, these interventions should reduce and/or eliminate the family's need to become DCF involved in the future. To deliver these services, DCF intends to create a community pathway via a network of providers. Overall, Connecticut's plan is designed to enhance the lives of all children, youth, and families.

On March 4, 2022, Connecticut became one of twenty-three states to have an approved Family First Prevention Plan.

Unlike other approved prevention plans, Connecticut will contract with a Care Management Entity to administer services. A care management entity is an organizational entity that will serve as a centralized hub responsible for coordinating, managing, and overseeing all services for community pathways families. Through a variety of community pathways (e.g., schools, other state agencies, 211, first responders, judicial, and community or faith-based organizations), the care management entity will assess families to determine their strengths and needs to link them to any service(s). Connecticut sees this as a groundbreaking opportunity to extend services and supports to families without increasing surveillance, particularly to communities of color.

Learn more: [CT Family First Plan](#) & [Executive Summary](#)

