

**Statement of Commitment to the development of the
Connecticut Child and Family Wellbeing System**

As the leader of a state agency that works with Connecticut's families and children, I am committed to furthering the development of the child welfare system in Connecticut.

The **Statewide Advisory Council to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families** acknowledges the value and importance in a system that partners, collaborates, and shares resources to support and strengthen families in Connecticut. We believe in the vision, mission, and strategic focus CT Department of Children and Families has established for this work, which involves:

Vision

Connecticut's children are safe and sound within loving and supportive families

Mission

Partnering with communities and empowering families to raise resilient children who thrive

Strategic Focus Areas

Safety	Permanency	Well-Being	Prevention	Racial Justice	Workforce
Keep children safe, with focus on the most vulnerable populations	Connect systems and processes to achieve timely permanency and stability for children in their homes	Contribute to child and family well-being by enhancing assessments and interventions	Early interventions and support for families upstream	Practice racial equity and inclusion in our department's practices and culture to help eliminate racial and ethnic disparate outcomes for children and families in our state	Engage our workforce through an organizational culture of mutual support

Child welfare systems are complex and are not a single entity. Our organization supports families across the state of Connecticut. We believe in working together to strengthen families and keep children safe.

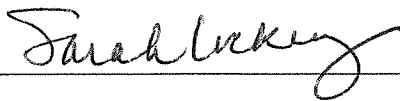
As we continue to reinforce the development of a trauma-informed child and family well-being system, it is important that we work together across agencies. As a state, we need to place a stake in the ground and commit to working together deliberately and working towards shared resources in this effort.

The **Statewide Advisory Council to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families** is committed to this concept, and we will be part of the framework regarding how the State of Connecticut will be collectively joining to serve children and families and thus redefining our child welfare system.

I acknowledge that each agency has their own rules, regulations, mandates and responsibilities that will always remain intact. How we define navigating our systems and working between our networks, will define how we collectively operate to serve children and families in Connecticut better.

Signature

Printed Full Name



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