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June 5, 2026

Ms. Susan I. Hamilton
Interim Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Children and Families
505 Hudson Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Interim Commissioner Hamilton:

On April 23, 2026 the Connecticut Department of Children and Families notified the Children's Bureau (CB) of its intent to opt into the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) Technical Bulletin #14 (TB14) Program Improvement Plan (PIP) pilot and join the **A Home for Every Child initiative**, which focuses on achieving or exceeding a 1:1 ratio of waiting children to available foster and adoptive homes.

This letter acknowledges receipt and approval of Connecticut Department of Children and Families' CFSR TB14 pilot PIP, submitted to CB on June 5, 2026. Through this pilot PIP, Connecticut will implement strategies to improve outcomes for children and families and support progress toward achieving or exceeding the A Home for Every Child 1:1 ratio outlined in TB14.

In accordance with 45 CFR 1355.36, CB will continue to suspend withholding of funds during the PIP implementation period of August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2028. Once Connecticut has successfully completed its Program Improvement Plan, including the implementation of agreed upon strategies, measures, and reporting of required data - the Children's Bureau will rescind the withholding of federal funds associated for this PIP.

Additional guidance regarding the reporting of Connecticut's' 1:1 ratio data elements, chaser measure performance, and lead measure performance will be forthcoming.

The Connecticut TB14 PIP is approved effective June 5, 2026. In addition to required monthly data submissions, and consistent with 45 CFR 1355.35(d)(4), the state and CB have agreed that Connecticut will submit a brief implementation progress report every six months. These reports will support monitoring and evaluation of PIP completion in accordance with 45 CFR 1355.35(e)(2). Consistent with CFSR Technical Bulletin #14, we encourage the state to monitor its performance on statewide data indicators to provide additional context for the state's continuing work.

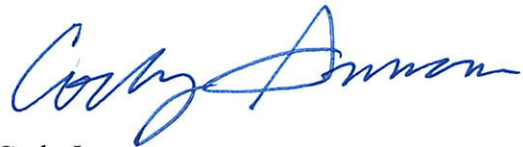
Thank you for your continued commitment to strengthening Connecticut's child welfare system and advancing efforts to ensure that every child has a safe, stable, and permanent home.

Enclosed is a copy of the approved CFSR PIP. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Evan Steel, Regional Program Manager, at (215) 861-4013 or evan.steel@acf.hhs.gov. You and your staff may also contact Kimberly Murphy, Child and Family Program Specialist, at (202) 657-3174 or kimberly.murphy@acf.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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Connecticut PIP

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