



PAWS FOR KIDS

*A partnership between the CT Department
of Children and Families and the
animal advocacy community*

Our Mission:

To increase child and animal well-being through education, cross-reporting, marketing, and Animal Assisted Interventions (AAI) for DCF children with trauma.

2019 Objectives:

- Launch an AAI service for DCF children with trauma that aims to inspire hope, healing, and confidence for this population
- Create a marketing campaign to convey the positive benefits of AAI for a wide variety of vulnerable populations.
- Implement an educational curriculum for DCF staff, Animal Control Officers (ACOs), the Department of Agriculture (DoAg) about the significance of Cross Reporting and the link between animal cruelty and child abuse
- Implement an educational curriculum for DCF employees about the benefits of AAI services for DCF children with trauma.
- Host a statewide conference on Animal Assisted Interventions and Cross Reporting on June 25 & 26 for DCF staff, ACOs, DoAg, the legal community, and animal advocates.
- Review current DCF processes and policies to better communicate the importance of Cross Reporting and the link between animal cruelty and child abuse in Child Welfare work

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hope is only 4 feet away

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