

Meeting Summary for 7/15/20

Commissioner Dorantes and DCF Update

Provided updates on DCF's work over the past few months and spoke about the importance of feedback from the community.

Question: What does a functioning RAC look like? RAC and SAC continue to hold DCF accountable along with the new transition and change in commissioner and aspirational agency goals. Feedback from youth, families, lived experience, etc

Ken Mysogland-Family First Update

Over 250 unique individuals participated in one of seven workgroups. Efforts put on pause when pandemic first hit and work has restarted as of last week. New meeting schedule to be created next week. Oct. 2020 federal deadline will not be met but goal is for Spring 2021 plan submission.

Suggested topics for this group:

Anxiety about return to school

Younger children (United Services) and families of younger children are feeling nervous for the school return

Increasing contact from virtual to in-person is concerning to agency staff and the community. Return to school seems to have less restrictions versus agencies bringing back staff and clients to offices.

DCF input into CT return to school plan? Jon might follow up for additional information

Tiered system for buses in some districts with details already released, per Lisa G. Who supplies PPE? What happens if youth are not feeling comfortable/safe once back at school?

Office directors from DCF (participated in this meeting) can be responsive to community voice

Is there anyone who can present to the group about school return policies, expectations, what ifs, etc?

School forum for parents after school begins to get feedback from parents about what is working, what is not?