

## COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES	FACILITATOR	OVERVIEW	SHORT TERM GOALS	NEXT MEETING DATE/LOCATION
<b>PREVENTION STRATEGIES</b>	Shauna Goodwin 860-231-2487 <a href="mailto:sgoodwin@wheelerclinic.org">sgoodwin@wheelerclinic.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effectiveness of DSR/FAR</li> <li>• Health and Wellness prevention strategies</li> <li>• Housing initiatives, collaboration with DSS and other state agencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define coverage area of DCF for Hartford/Manchester offices</li> <li>• Locate specific services that are already within the coverage areas (i.e medical, therapeutic, basic needs, pro-social etc.)</li> <li>• Progress monitoring of DRS/FAR (i.e. how many families serviced, any program gaps, etc.)</li> </ul>	Wheeler Clinic 30 Arbor Street, Hartford, CT on Wednesdays at 10:00AM. The next meeting date is 9-11-13.
<b>PERMANENCY STRATEGIES/STRENGTHENING FAMILIES</b>	TJ Michalski 860-951-7268 <a href="mailto:tmichalski@y-us.org">tmichalski@y-us.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review effectiveness of permanency strategies (roundtables, teaming, considered removal)</li> <li>• Rightsizing congregate care</li> <li>• Review effectiveness of increased kinship care practices/policies;</li> <li>• Improving sibling connection</li> <li>• Review of fatherhood initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify efforts around permanency that are already occurring and invite those voices to our group.</li> <li>• Raise the voices of fathers by inviting folks working on fatherhood issues.</li> <li>• Review new policies impacting permanency.</li> </ul>	TBD 2013 at Y-US, 1477 Park Street Hartford, CT. 06106
<b>COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP / SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT</b>	Sarah Becker 860-793-7256 <a href="mailto:sbecker@wheelerclinic.org">sbecker@wheelerclinic.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring comprehensive service system development</li> <li>• Effective implementation of trauma initiatives</li> <li>• Strengthening and building partnerships with providers, families and foster parents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further develop weekly ISS meeting that maximizes provider and other stakeholder participation and effective decision making.</li> <li>• Develop implementation strategies to educate stakeholders about various teaming models within DCF and various levels of care with aim of developing common language where possible.</li> </ul>	Wednesday August 28 <sup>th</sup> 9:15-10:45am Hartford DCF 250 Hamilton Street Hartford.

<p><b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b></p>	<p>Beth Landolina 860-418-8368 <a href="mailto:Beth.Landolina@ct.gov">Beth.Landolina@ct.gov</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating a learning organization</li> <li>• Undoing racism</li> <li>• Workforce development and training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance DCF supervisory and managerial internal application of the six principles of partnership and the seven cross cutting themes by creating a list of self-reflective, solution focused questions for each principle and theme as it relates to the supervisor/employee relationship.</li> <li>• To enhance DCF staff's internal and external application of the six principles of partnership and the seven cross cutting themes by creating a list of self-reflective, solution focused questions for each principle and theme as it relates to DCF staff/client/provider relationship.</li> <li>• To share the list of questions for the six principles of partnership and the seven cross cutting themes with our community partners so that we are all operating from the same perspective.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 9th at 11am at Manchester DCF office 364 West Middle Turnpike</li> </ul>
<p><b>HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT</b> (The Neuroscience of Childhood and Adolescent Development)</p>	<p>Lorna Little <a href="mailto:lornal@stagneshome.org">lornal@stagneshome.org</a> 860-521-7516</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring case plans and services for children are developmentally appropriate, and consistent with clinical and educational needs</li> <li>• Ensuring services are trauma-informed</li> <li>• Ensuring that special needs of adolescents and juvenile justice involved youth identified and addressed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that all children in care in Region 4 are in appropriate educational settings.</li> <li>• Ensure that the mental health needs of children entering care are proactively assessed, identified and addressed in a timely manner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 12noon-1:30pm at St. Agnes Home</li> </ul>
<p><b>MEMBERSHIP</b></p>	<p>Janier Caban-Hernandez 860- 690-8890 <a href="mailto:jchernandez@snet.net">jchernandez@snet.net</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizing that the utility of RAC is based on robustness and diversity of membership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop a membership data base to track membership.</li> <li>• To track member attendance and compliance to RAC By-laws.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 1:30pm Greater Hartford Legal Aide, 999</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist DCF with ongoing community-engagement efforts</li> <li>• Track community participation and membership interest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop strategies to recruit new members and promote the RAC in the community.</li> </ul>	Asylum Street, in Hartford.
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	<p>Dyshawn Thames 860-533-3626</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="mailto:Dyshawn.Thames@ct.gov">Dyshawn.Thames@ct.gov</a> and</li> <li>• Regina Roundtree 860-593-8483</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication is a critical element of the Practice Model implementation</li> <li>• A communication plan will be finalized that will address improving communication internally and externally.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group target audiences and begin to identify/build community partnerships</li> <li>• Develop and administer survey around communication</li> <li>• Develop an external communication commitment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting 9/6/13 at 12noon via teleconference</li> <li>• # 1-877-952-4414 code 126832</li> </ul>