

## 2016 DCF Program Report Card: Sibling Connections Camp

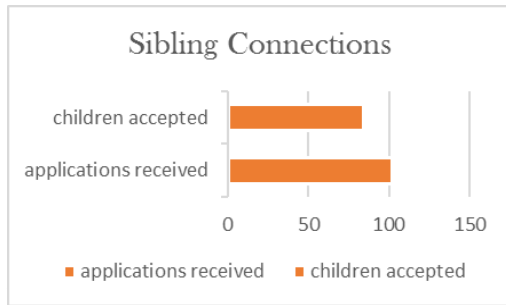
*Quality of Life Result:* All Connecticut children grow up in stable, safe, healthy, and ready to succeed.

*Contribution to the Result:* While at camp, DCF-involved brothers and sisters are able to unite, connecting through family style dinners, fun activities, and outdoor play.

Program Expenditures	State Funding	Federal Funding	Other Funding	Total Funding
Actual SFY 16	81,000	0	0	81,000
Estimated SFY 17	81,000	0	0	81,000

*Partners:* Channel 3 Kids Camp, Wheeler Clinic

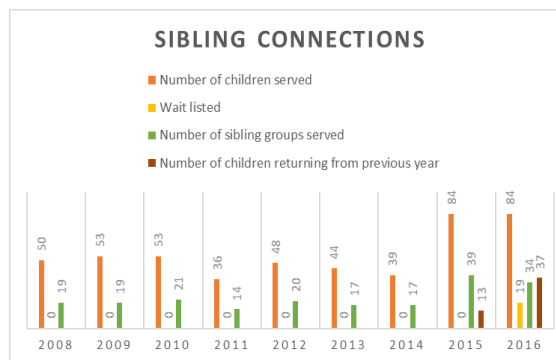
### How Much Did We Do?



In 2014 Channel 3 Kids Camp staff were unable to effectively recruit campers. Recruitment was through front line staff only. Issues with recruitment included late date release and overburdened staff responsible for filling out the lengthy application packet for campers. In 2015 and 2016, the camp dates were released six months in advance via CAFAP, social media and DCF communications. Foster parents were permitted to complete the camp form with approval from DCF staff which expedited the process. Camp staff made presentations at most area offices, COP meetings, CAFAP conference and TFC meetings – all factors resulting in higher attendance. 102 applications were received. 83 children were served. 84 were accepted, however, one child was ill. Unlike the year prior, there was a waiting list.

**Trend:** ▲ Yes

### How Well Did We Do It?



#### Story behind the baseline:

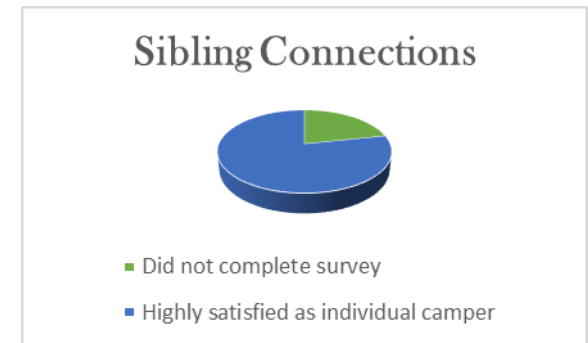
37 children of the 84 total children who attended the Siblings Connection Camp in 2015 returned to camp in 2016. 13 Children of the 39 children who attended the Siblings Connection Camp in 2014 returned to camp in 2015.

The increased number of applications received from the previous years, the number of returning campers and the number of wait listed children are indicators of both a positive camp experience, better communication with staff, TFC and community providers.

**Trend:** ▲ Yes

### How Well Did We Do It?

Percent of Youth Reporting a Positive Camp Experience as an individual camper:



#### Story behind the baseline:

Channel 3 Kids Camp administered a satisfaction survey in 2016 to all participating campers. 68 campers of the 83 campers in attendance completed this survey. The survey results indicated that those campers who completed the survey were highly satisfied with the camp experience.

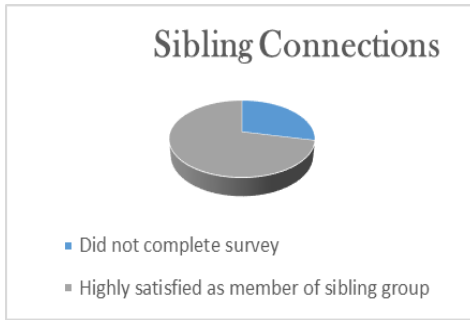
**Trend:** ▲ Yes

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### How Well Did We Do It?

Percent of Youth Reporting a Positive Sibling Experience as a member of a sibling group:



### Story behind the baseline:

Channel 3 Kids Camp administered a satisfaction survey in 2016 to all participating campers. The survey results indicated that those campers who completed the survey were highly satisfied with the sibling camp experience as a member of the sibling group experience.

**Trend:** ► no trend due to first year survey implemented)

### Is Anyone Better Off?

% of Youth Reporting a Specific Positive and Memorable Experience



### Story behind the baseline:

Channel 3 Kids Camp administered a satisfaction survey in 2016 to all participating campers. The survey results indicated that those campers who completed the survey were highly satisfied with the individual and sibling camp experience. There was a high percentage of kids who reported specific reasons to support their positive experiences. (see attached list)

**Trend:** ► (no trend due to first year survey implemented)

### Proposed Actions to Improve the Curve:

Channel 3 Kids camp will continue to recruit sibling groups through area office presentations, at COP meetings and TFC meetings. They will also speak at the CAFAP conference. The purpose of this “road shows” agenda is to explain the camp in detail and the application process. In addition, to the efforts made in 2016, the division will request to work together with Work Force Development to implement a half day training with information about the camp and a step by step guide to helping staff complete the applications. A PowerPoint will be created by Channel 3 Kids Camp staff that will be linked on SharePoint and the application will be revised to address staff concerns and difficulties. There was a delay in receiving completed applications in a timely fashion. In review of the application and language, it was agreed that the application “release” of information form will be revised with clear language of the expectations for all staff completing this release of information. Please note that the proposed action from 2015 to implement a child survey was met. Each year, camp staff will implement a child satisfaction survey to all campers who agree to be surveyed. The allocated budget for the 2017 Sibling Camp cannot accommodate all interested siblings. It is suggested that an increased allocation be considered.