

Governor's Council on Women and Girls – Connecticut

Governor's Council on Women and Girls. Upon taking office in January 2019, one of Governor Lamont's first actions was to form the Governor's Council on Women and Girls – a group tasked with providing a coordinated state response to issues that impact the lives of women, girls, their families, and the State of Connecticut.

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Chaired by Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz, the council is housed within the Office of the Governor, emphasizing the centrality of its work to the overall goals of the administration. Office of Policy and Management Secretary Melissa McCaw serves as the council's vice chair.

Governor's Council on

Women and Girls:

Subcommittee on Health and Safety

The purpose of this subcommittee is to identify health and safety issues that particularly impact women and girls and develop initiatives that support healthy lifestyles and offer physical, mental and emotional protection for women and girls affected by such matters.





Women and Girls
Council
Health & Safety
Tri Chairs

Subcommittee TriChair:
Commissioner **Beth Bye**,
Office of Early Childhood

Subcommittee TriChair:
Commissioner **Vannessa Dorantes**,
Department of Children & Families

Subcommittee TriChair:
Commissioner **Miriam Delphin-Rittmon**,
Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services

***W&G COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE COORDINATOR:**
Cherie Phoenix-Sharpe, Esq
Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Appointed and Standing Membership:

Representative Dorinda Borer, House Democrats

Commissioner Deidre Gifford, Department of Social Services

Acting Commissioner Deidre Gifford, Department of Public Health

Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Commissioner James Rovella, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection

Commissioner Thomas Saadi, Department of Veterans Affairs

Commissioner Jordan Scheff, Department of Developmental Services

Executive Director Victoria Veltri, Office of Health Strategy

- AVERAGING ABOUT 30 REGULAR SBCMTE MTG ATTENDEES (*more on remote platform**)
- KEY STAKEHOLDERS FROM A VARIETY OF HEALTH AND SAFETY FOCUSED ENTITIES & STATEWIDE COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORTS
- REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIVIDUAL AS WELL AS GROUP INTERESTS RAISING AWARENESS OF GENDER SPECIFIC OUTCOME DISPARITY

Health and Safety Subcommittee Framework

Prenatal

Seniors

Public Policy, Data and Metrics

**Health and Safety
Across the Lifespan**

Prevention

Equity

Mental Health and Addiction Supports

Safe: at Home, in Community Settings, Child Care and Senior Settings

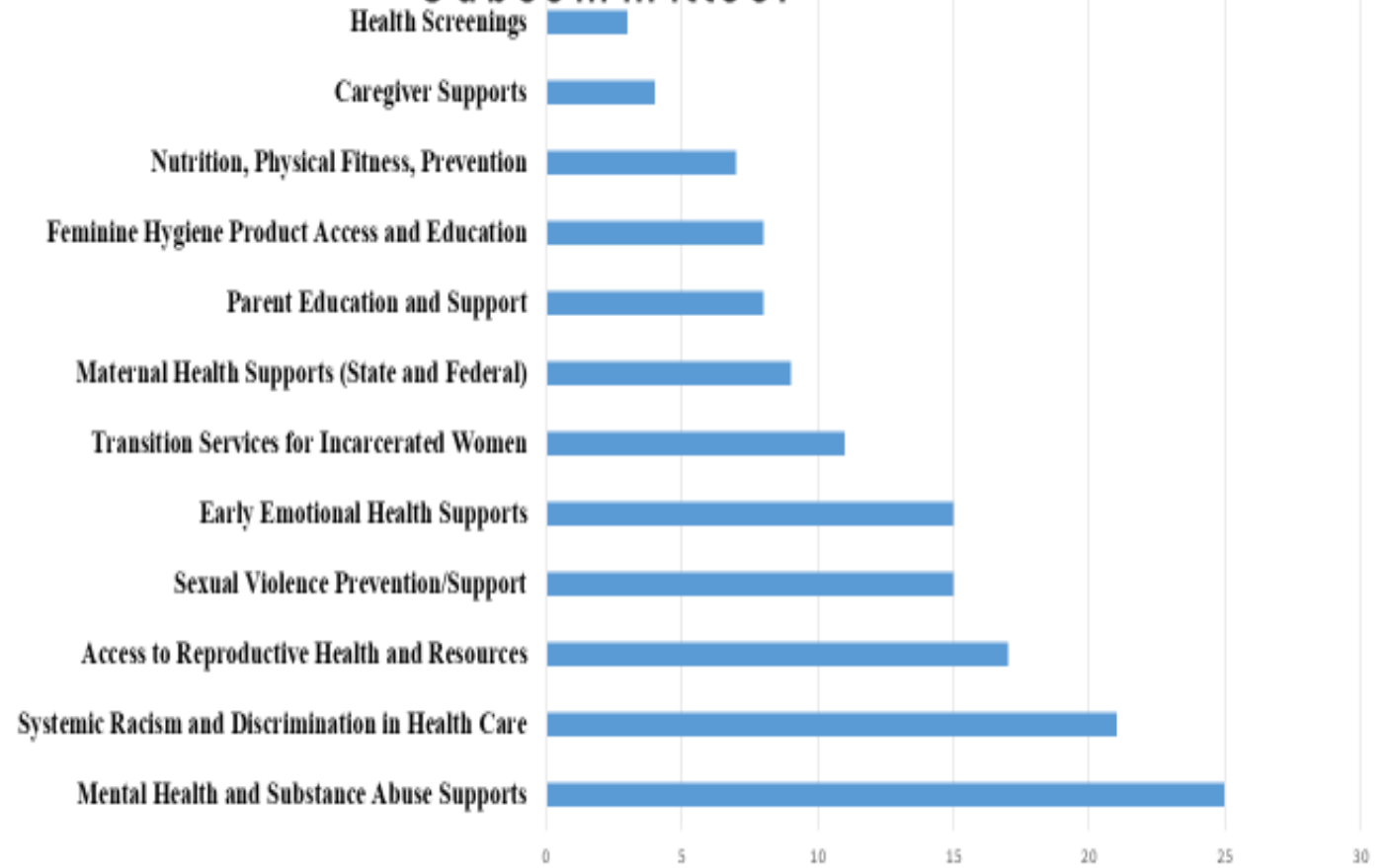


The 'Next Ups'

- Special attention to young women's health & safety advocacy efforts
- **For example, the subcommittee invited** a group of 8th graders who wrote to the legislature about the issue of feminine hygiene product availability in schools
- **Encouraging/mentoring** health & safety, gender-based advocacy development to examine social justice equity issues during **W&G Day H&S fair.**

Consider as we prioritize - our top issues.
Governor's Council on Women and Girls, Health and Safety

Subcommittee:



Exercise to refine
our scope



Commitment to
cross-agency, cross-system, bipartisan efforts ... this is
never more evident than in pandemic response

COVID 19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

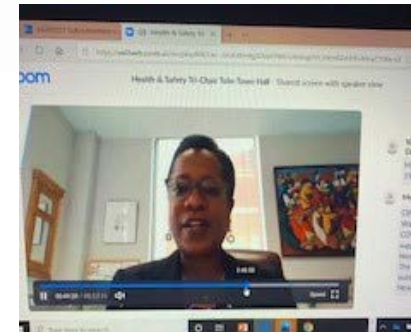


TELE_TOWN HALLS

April 16, 2020 Video: Tele-Town Hall Regarding State Children and Family Support Services

<https://www.ctoec.org/covid-19/ctcares-programs/>

- **CTCARES for Frontline Workers** helps some types of essential workers pay for child care. It offers direct payments to their child care providers, so frontline workers can continue to work. [Learn about CTCARES for Frontline Workers.](#)
- **CTCARES for Child Care** offers financial help to child care providers who are willing to provide care for the children of essential workers. It benefits both groups — providers get additional funding, and essential workers get the child care they need to work. [Learn about CTCARES for Child Care.](#)
- **CTCARES for Family Child Care** offers licensed family child care providers access to supports during COVID-19. Our goal is to help your program succeed so you can continue to do your vital work. [Learn about CTCARES for Family Child Care.](#)
- **CTCARES for Hospital Workers (also called Project 26)** offers access to emergency child care for hospital workers and EMTs. Programs are set up across the state and close to Connecticut's hospitals. [Learn about CTCARES for Hospital Workers.](#)



<https://portal.ct.gov/DMHAS/Newsworthy/News-Items/DMHAS-Response-to-COVID-19>

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When it builds up,
talk it out.

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COVID 19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

April 23, 2020 [Video: Tele-Town Hall Featuring Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence](#)



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Connecticut Coalition
Against Domestic
Violence

Karen Jarmoc



Ashley Frechette



Beth Hamilton

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- <http://www.ctcadv.org/resource-library/links/>
- IPV Telehealth Script you can email astarrfrechette@ctcadv.org
- <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/COVID-19/Domestic-Violence---IPV>
- <http://www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org/2020/04/new-covid-19-resource-hub/>
- <https://store.samhsa.gov/product/Substance-Abuse-Treatment-and-Domestic-Violence/sma15-3583>

<https://endsexualviolencect.org/>

**CONNECTICUT ALLIANCE
TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE**



Support. Advocate. Prevent.

Potential collaboration topics w/ MAPOC*



SOCIAL
EMOTIONAL
HEALTH & WELL
BEING

CHILD CARE
CONCERNS



REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH

PARITY /INS
COVERAGE



FOOD
INSECURITY

CONTINUING ED
REQUIREMENTS



EQUITY



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELL BEING

- GENDER SPECIFIC SEL
- WOMEN'S MH
- VIOLENCE
 - lpv/dv/sexual



CHILD CARE CONCERNS

- CAPACITY
- BACK TO SCHOOL IMPACT
- WOMEN OWNED CHILD CARE BUSINESSES



REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- DOULAS
- NURSE/MIDWIVES
- MATERNAL MORTALITY
- YOUNG MOMS
- SAFE HAVEN BABIES



PARITY /INS COVERAGE

- PHYSICAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
- GENDER SPECIFIC LIFESPAN COVERAGE
 - DIAPERS
 - MENSTRUAL
 - INCONTINENCE



FOOD INSECURITY

- FEMALE HOH COVID IMPACT
- FORMULA ACCESS
- LACTATION COACHING

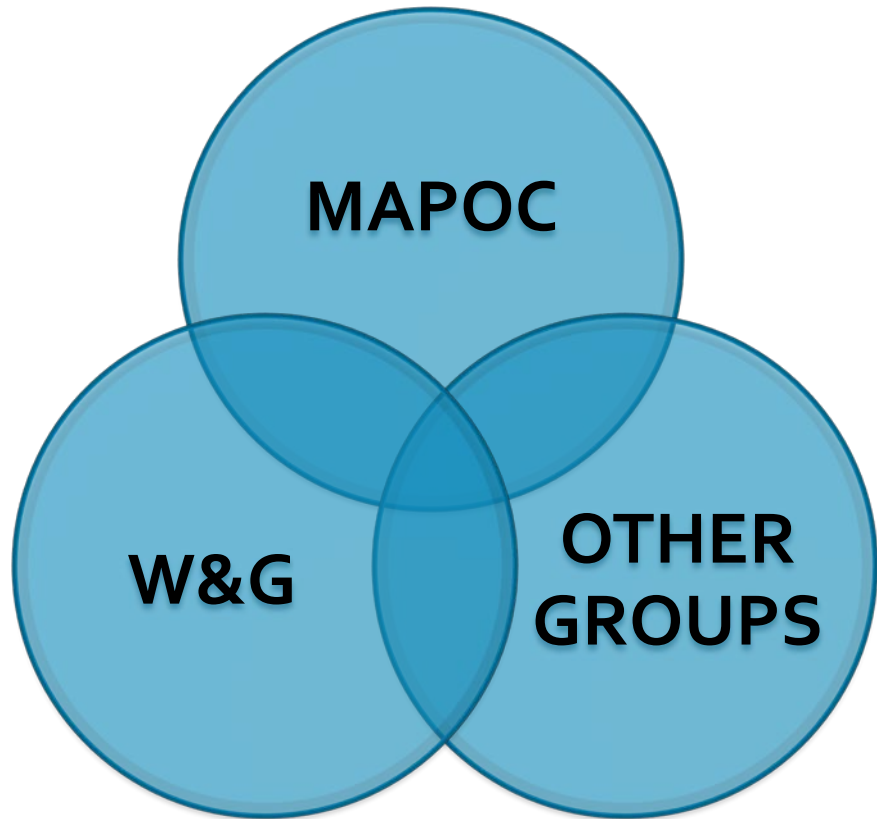


CONTINUING ED REQUIREMENTS

- GENDER SPECIFIC CURRICULUM & CEU DEVELOPMENT FOR PROVIDERS

EQUITY

OTHER NATURAL OVERLAPS???



- **JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS?**
- **LIAISONS BETWEEN GROUPS TO ENHANCE EFFORTS AND REDUCE DUPLICATION**
- **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

