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Governor's Council on Women & Girls

UPDATE
(LAST MTG 2/1/21)

Health and Safety
Subcommittee
30 Attendees

COVID 19 Health & Safety special topics



Yvette Young, The
Village for Children and
Families

Associate Vice President
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Programs and Advocacy

- The Village for Families provides help, information and a training curriculum on human trafficking. The federal definition of human trafficking is addressed in the **Trafficking Victims Protection Act** (TVPA).
- In Connecticut, according to DCF data from **2016 through 2018**, high risk or confirmed human trafficking data showed on average **208 total referrals per year**; with an age range between 2-18 years old. *(analyzing data for 2020 for comparison)*
- **Most** victims are people of color who are domestic born, exploited and trafficked. Legislative efforts to increase protection for victims and accountability for buyers and traffickers continues.
- There are several organizations in Connecticut that provide victim and survivor services such as **Love146**, CIRI, PET, Salvation Army, and the Underground.
- Ways to help are by **educating, advocating, protecting** and **supporting**.

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<https://www.connecticutleaguefornursing.org/>

Marcia Proto--CT League of Nursing Increasing Nursing Representation in CT

CLN Supports Nursing Faculty, Nurses & Nursing Students

-  Online Education
-  CT Nursing School Guide
-  Professional Development
-  Student Day
-  Student Background Checks

Marcia Proto-- CT League of Nursing Increasing Nursing Representation in CT (con't)

Background context:

- The league has been around for 68 years and focuses on nursing education in CT. The league has all the schools for Nursing from Doctoral to LPN, as members.
- Online tool-- *The CT Nursing Guide: Your Education Source*
 - courses for clinical faculty, to become clinical educators and RN refresher for inactive nurses who wish to return to staff level positions.
- There are 2 year, 4 year or 15-month accelerated models to becoming a nurse in CT.

Current capacity issue:

- The limited availability of nursing school slots due to instructional shortages
- Only 2,800 out of approximately 10,000 applicants to the RN program are accepted, making up about 27% acceptance rate
- With only a 4% doctoral prepared faculty in the state of CT, for every 5 students there is only 1 clinical faculty
- The CT Center for Nursing Workforce, Inc. (CCNW) has partnered with the CT Data Collaborative to collect education data as well as utilize DPH's supply data.

The CT League of Nursing is on the Gov's Workforce Development Board

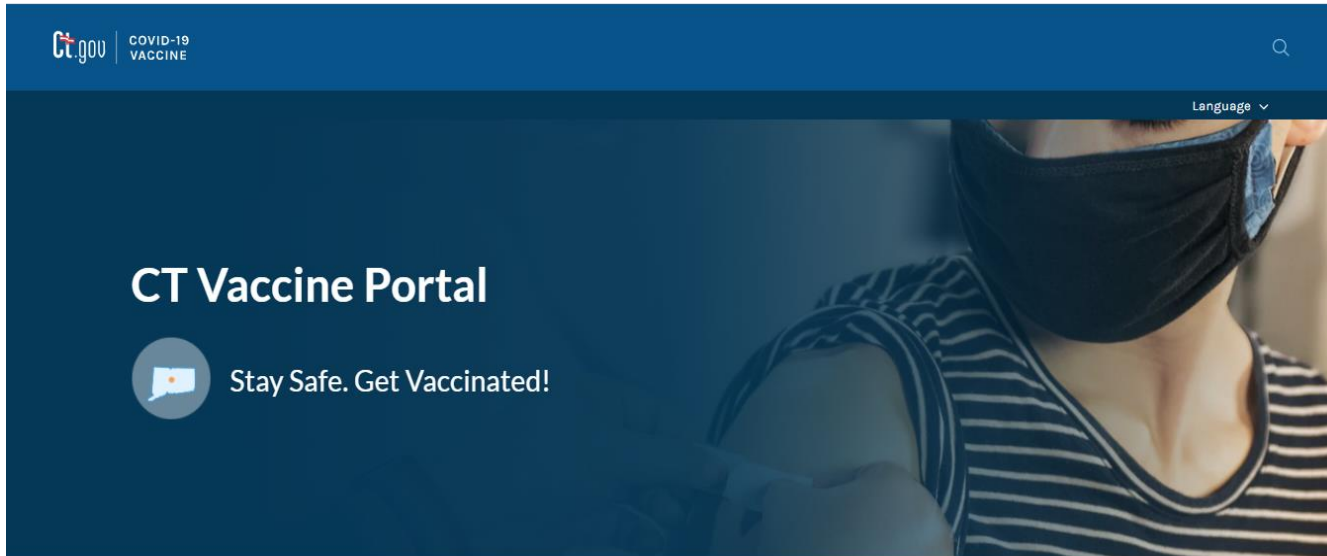
Other Health & Safety topics discussed



- Update on the **MAPOC** Women’s Sub-Committee on behalf of Rep. Gilchrest.
 - In January they had a presentation on Doulas and heard from state and national leaders on the subject and how important Doulas are in reducing maternal poor health outcomes and disparities. The CT Doula Coalition is looking to have a definition of Doula passed into law. The MAPOC subcommittee also recommended to expand Medicaid coverage for Maternity care to twelve months’ post pregnancy – HB 5329.
- **Janet Alfano** - The Diaper Bank continues to work with Rep. Gilchrest on the issue of diapers as a basic health need across the life span and associated cost savings and bringing in other interested partners.
- **Kim Karanda** updated on the **PROUD** (Parents Recovering from Opioid Use Disorder) Grant SAMHSA award to DMHAS.
 - Service providers as part of this grant are Intercommunity Mental Health Center and Wheeler Clinic.
 - The focus of the grant will be in the Greater Hartford and New Britain areas.
 - DMHAS will be collaborating with CT Hospital Association as well.

*Additional information on the **PROUD** grant can be found on the DMHAS website and the DMHAS Facebook page.*

UP NEXT FOR WOMEN & GIRLS HEALTH & SAFETY ...



Remember - you can always visit <https://portal.ct.gov/Vaccine-Portal> for the most up-to-date information on the COVID 19 vaccine.

Subcommittee meets via MICROSOFT TEAMS the first Monday of every other month. 2021 dates and times in are as follows:

- April 5, 2021 10am-noon
- June 7, 2021 10am – noon
- August 2, 2021 10am-noon
- October 4, 2021 10am-noon
- December 6, 2021 10am-noon