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**Substance Abuse Recovery Support Plan to Provide Services
to Adolescents and Young Adults**
Special Act No. 14-7, § 3

The Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and Children and Families (DCF) submit this report in accordance with Special Act 14-7, Section 3. Section 3 requires that DMHAS and DCF submit a statewide “substance abuse recovery support plan”, inclusive of methods to alert youth that support is available and implementation of the plan.

DCF was awarded a two-year planning grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to achieve the requirements identified in Section 3 of this Special Act. This reporting requirement is a status report on a substance abuse recovery support plan.

The federal funds of this project, known as IMProving Access, Continuing Care and Treatment (IMPACCT) awards DCF with a total of \$500,000 across two years to create a statewide plan that addresses the requirement of Section 3 of this act.

Sections 1 and 2 of Special Act 14-7 have been completed and submitted.

Similarly, the federal planning grant includes the development of a social marketing plan and financial mapping and positions the state to apply for an implementation grant from SAMHSA.

Below is an excerpt from the grant application and describes deliverables for the project:

IMPACCT's overall goal is to develop a comprehensive 3-year strategic plan for system improvements that enhances statewide coordination of the multiple treatment and continuing care systems for youth in support of better access to and retention in high quality care. IMPACCT will achieve its goals by:

1) Partnering with existing statewide youth and family groups to inform policy, program and effective practice;

- 2) Identifying strategies to expand the capacity of the substance use and mental health disorders treatment and continuing care workforce;
- 3) Developing pragmatic funding and payment strategies for EBPs;
- 4) Increasing screening for youth in diverse settings;
- 5) Enhancing existing data infrastructure to improve access to administrative data;
- 6) Improving collaboration across state agencies and branches of government; and
- 7) Expanding an existing provider collaborative.

This federally funded planning grant provides both departments with the opportunity to complete a more comprehensive planning process.