

Strengthening Families Practice Model Implementation Team Breakout Session

Purpose of the RAC

The purpose of the Regional Advisory Council is to advise in the establishment and maintenance of a comprehensive system of services for children, youth and Families within the Region. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 17a-30 (formerly 17-434) the mission of the Council shall be:

- To advise the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families on the development and delivery of services in the Region; and
- To facilitate the coordination of services for children, youth and their families in the Region

Mission and Transformation of the Department

All children and youth served by the Department will grow up healthy, safe and learning, and will experience success in and out of school. The Department will advance the special talents of the children it serves and will make opportunities for them to give back to the community.

Six Cross-Cutting Themes:

- A family-centered approach to all service delivery, reflected in development and implementation of a Strengthening Families Practice Model and the Differential Response System;
- Trauma-informed practice as related to children and families but also to the workforce that serves them;
- Application of the neuroscience of child and adolescent development to agency policy, practice and programs;
- Development of stronger community partnerships;
- Improvements in leadership, management, supervision and accountability; and
- Establishment of a Department culture as a learning organization.

Some Guiding Questions for the Breakout Session

1. Who are the key players to take part in this workgroup? Who is missing from the table?
2. What aspects of DCF's mission and cross-cutting themes should guide this workgroup?
3. What facts or other information do we need to guide our work?
4. What are the results this workgroup should seek?
5. Who should be the Community co-lead?