

Region 2, October 30, 2015 RAC meeting
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RAC/SAC Communication Form

Briefly describe your RAC meeting attendance and representation by stakeholders, families, youth and providers:

Debra Doll (Quality Division) represented DCF as those who consistently attend had another obligation.

4 parents and 1 FAVOR rep, plus Providers (7)

Youth voice- RAC Chair attended YAB meeting earlier in the month and will work with Josh Fisher, DCF Social Worker and Facilitator of the YAB to connect the YAB and RAC

Major Themes from your RAC meetings since last report:

- Follow-up regarding SAC retreat:
 - The YAB has agreed to talk about their thoughts regarding: 1. how the department can help youth improve job retention, 2. how the Department can help link youth with supportive adults, pro-social Activities, organizations and career mentors
 - The LIST has agreed to talk about how to learn more about family experiences with the JJ system
 - The RAC membership will form a subcommittee to focus on Fatherhood
 - 12/3/15 Update: Subcommittee met for 1st time and was attended by DCF, NH Family Alliance, RKids, Happy Family Services, Nurturing Families, The Children's Center of Hamden. The committee plans to work on a Fatherhood Conference, annual event (Sept 17th tentative date) to celebrate fatherhood and identifying local fraternities that might be willing to fund raise to support events
- South Central Network of Care
 - RAC to meet 4 times per year and will include the Chairs of the Collaboratives, LIST, Parent Leaders, State Dept Representatives, Youth voice, open meeting.
 - Opportunities for subcommittee work also
- CRP funds- all agreed to use funds as they were being used: \$20 gift card to families identified by FAVOR rep. Will also use some funds to hear from families involved with DCF protective services (survey, focus groups)

Resources/Support Needed from SAC

Please identify specifics:

Review of RAC bylaws so we remain in compliance as we use the RAC as a forum to connect other meetings in the region

Request for an issue/concern/idea to be presented to The DCF Commissioner

Please identify specifics:

Sept: Concern that budget cuts will impact services necessary to maintain the health of adults who are caring for children