

NOTICE: BIRTH TO THREE EVALUATION

The Office of the Child Advocate, in collaboration with CT Voices for Children, is conducting an evaluation of Connecticut's Birth to Three System. The purpose of the evaluation is to develop an understanding of the structure and quality of services provided by the Birth to Three System, to identify the strengths of the system as well as areas in need of improvement, and to make recommendations regarding any necessary improvements. The evaluation will occur in two phases.

The Office of the Child Advocate has obtained the services of Deborah List, Ph.D., M.P.H., a Child Health Policy Consultant, to assist with carrying out Phase One of the evaluation. Phase One of the evaluation will include:

- Examining the background and current status of the Birth to Three System in Connecticut;
- Examining historical changes to and challenges in the program; and
- Reviewing Birth to Three System data to understand its role in the larger system of care for children with special health care needs in Connecticut.

This phase of the evaluation will result in a short report that will highlight areas of concern and success, identify specific challenges to administering the Birth to Three System in Connecticut, and identify important questions for future research.

Phase Two of the evaluation will provide an in-depth look at areas identified in Phase One as requiring further investigation and the experiences of children and their families, as well as providers, and will result in a report outlining policy recommendations and a plan of action. During Phase Two of the evaluation, we will be interested in hearing from families who have applied for, worked with, and/or sought or received services from the Birth to Three System. In accordance with state law, any information provided to the Office of the Child Advocate will be held confidential.¹

Please visit this website in the future for updates and information on how you can share your experience with Connecticut's Birth to Three System.

¹ CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 46a-13m(b) & 46a-13n(a).