

# Connecticut Home Visiting Plan for Families with Young Children

## Report Brief December 2014

### A Vision for a Coordinated Network of Home Visiting Programs in Connecticut

Our vision for a system of home visiting is to ensure that all families will have access to the home-based services and supports they need and those programs are fully embedded in other systems of care such as health, mental health, early childhood services, and early care and education.

**Families** will voluntarily welcome the support provided without stigma.

**Programs** will be part of an accessible, well-coordinated network that meets needs of families

**The State** will invest in high-quality home visiting programs because of their significant collective impact on families and Connecticut as a whole.

## Recommendations

### 1: Ensure Families Have Access to Appropriate Home Visiting Services

- 1.1 Secure additional funding from all available sources to expand capacity of the existing home visiting system to meet the needs of families and children throughout CT
- 1.2 In particular, fund additional home visiting system capacity to serve parents with depression, mental illness or cognitive limitations, children experiencing emotional or behavioral health issues, trauma, or who have mild developmental delays.
- 1.3 Establish governance and collaboration infrastructure to guide home visiting system development and implementation

### 2: Strengthen the Referral Infrastructure

- 2.1 Improve public awareness, knowledge, and perception of home visiting programs
- 2.2 Expand and strengthen the capacity of referral infrastructure: Child Development Infoline (CDI)
- 2.3 Increase the local, community-based, grassroots referrals to home visiting programs.

### 3: Establish a Core Set of Competencies and Coordinate Training

- 3.1 Create a central training institute to support home visiting program that builds on existing resources
- 3.2 Develop core competencies that align across all early childhood disciplines and services
- 3.3 Conduct an analysis of the home visiting workforce.

### 4: Ensure Program Standards Promote High-Quality Programs

- 4.1 Build on strong existing program standards.

### 5: Develop Outcome Measures and Report on Progress

- 5.1 Finalize Results Based Accountability Population level Framework
- 5.2 Pursue a data and research agenda for unavailable critical indicators
- 5.3 Convene a study committee to develop performance and outcome measures for the home visiting system
- 5.4 Begin annual Results Based Accountability reporting on the home visiting system to the legislature from the Office of Early Childhood in 2017.

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