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Connecticut Office of
Early Childhood

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Dear Early Care and Education Provider,

The Connecticut Office of Early Childhood is happy to provide you with this copy of the Connecticut Documentation and Observation for Teaching System (CT DOTS). CT DOTS is a framework to guide early care and education providers in a process of monitoring children's progress on the skill, abilities and behaviors outlined in the Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards. CT DOTS supports early care and education providers to observe and document children's learning and development in naturally occurring situations and to plan for engaging experiences that allow for more intentional observations. CT DOTS also provides a structure for partnering with families in sharing information about children's learning and development. CT DOTS is a valuable tool for planning how to support young children through curriculum, instruction and quality early learning environments.

Please refer to the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood website for electronic versions of these documents, as well as sample data collection forms and fillable summary forms. We also encourage you to develop a plan for implementing CT DOTS over time, including accessing professional learning opportunities.

We look forward to working with you as you begin to implement CT DOTS and use this valuable tool to support Connecticut's children and families.

Sincerely,

Dave Wilkinson
Commissioner