

CONNECTing Children and Families to Care **With CLAS!**

Ensuring Cultural and Linguistically Appropriate Services

Cohort 3 Recruitment~ Health Equity Plan Development

The *CONNECTing Children and Families to Care* initiative is currently recruiting between 6 and 8 agencies for each of the six geographic areas in the state: South West, South Central, East, North Central, West and Central Connecticut. A total of 42 agencies will be participating.

Agencies participating will receive technical assistance and support through professional CLAS consultation, training opportunities and a monthly peer-learning collaborative to develop their own internal *Health Equity Plans*.

Monthly peer learning collaborative meetings will begin in May and continue through the end of the year.

There will also be a standing invitation to participate in quarterly meetings with the other cohort agencies into 2018

At the conclusion of Cohort 3, agencies will have accomplished the following:

- Board of Directors approved Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion policy that reflects the organization's mission and vision.
- Organizational multisource assessment and analysis based on surveys and worksheets that align with the CLAS Standards.
- A Health Equity Plan with measureable indicators and program outcomes based on selected CLAS Standards and the DCF Tier Classification System.
- Mechanisms to critically appraise the Plan's implementation along with continued technical support through the learning community collaborative (Nov. 2017-April 2018).

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