



State of Connecticut Children's Behavioral Health Plan

Invitation to a Facilitated Discussion on *Coordination of Care*

Background

During the 2013 legislative session the General Assembly passed Public Act 13-178, which directs the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to produce a children's behavioral health plan for the state of Connecticut by October 2014. The Act calls for a plan that is comprehensive and integrated. It is to address the behavioral health needs of all children in the state with a focus on preventing or reducing the long-term negative impact on children of mental, emotional, and behavioral health issues. This planning process is being funded by DCF with a major contribution from the Connecticut Health Foundation and additional support from the Children's Fund of Connecticut and the Grossman Family Foundation. DCF has contracted with the Child Health and Development Institute (CHDI) to facilitate the development of this plan.

Facilitated Discussions

To gather input into the plan, CHDI staff and consultants are conducting facilitated discussions on a number of topics with consumers, family members, providers and other stakeholders. This is just one of many ways in which information and input is being gathered. Below are the details regarding a facilitated discussion that we are inviting you attend. If you accept this invitation, please come prepared to this meeting to discuss three basic questions about the topic of:

Coordination of Care

1. **Strengths:** What is working well? What needs are being met?
2. **Concerns** What are the areas of weakness? What needs are not being met?
3. **Recommendations:** What suggestions do you have for improvement? Please come to the meeting with practical recommendations about "who should do what" to improve Connecticut's system of care and services.

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 23, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. (Meeting cancellation notice due to inclement weather will be made by email by 10:00 am on the date of the meeting).

Location: Room 1E, Legislative Office Building (LOB), Hartford, CT. Directions are attached.

RSVP: Please accept or decline this invitation by sending an email to info@plan4children.org or by calling 860-679-1542.

Submitting Written Information: Whether or not you can attend, you can submit written comments on this or any other topic. Access the form for written comments at: www.plan4children.org. Email the comments to: info@plan4children.org.

Further Information: If you have questions please contact: Jeff Vanderploeg, Ph.D. at the email address above or by phone at 860-679-1542.

