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**LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE**

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**Informational Public Hearing Notice
For Current PRI Study**

Department of Children and Families: Substance Use Services

As part of its ongoing study entitled *Department of Children and Families: Substance Use Services*, the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee (PRI) will hold an informational public hearing on this study on **Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Room 2D of the**

Study Focus

This study will assess Department of Children and Families (DCF) services that address parental and child substance use disorders. It will also examine the nature and extent of DCF program coordination with other related governmental and community agencies. Where possible, this analysis will highlight the impact, if any, that the increase in heroin and other opioids use in Connecticut have had on child protection services.

Legislative Office Building. Two other PRI committee studies also will be the subjects of the public hearing: 1) Factors Influencing Receipt of Long-Term Care Services and Supports in Home and Community Settings; and 2) Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities: Discrimination Complaint Processing.

The 10:00 a.m. public hearing will allow anyone wishing to share information or viewpoints to speak and/or submit written testimony.

The public hearing sign-up will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Atrium of the LOB. If able, please submit 30 copies of written testimony to committee staff by that time, or electronically to PRItestimony@cga.ct.gov by 9:00 a.m.

The first hour of the hearing is reserved for legislators, constitutional officers, state agency heads, and chief elected municipal elected officials. The testimony of the members of the public will be limited to three (3) minutes each. Please see the following page for more details.

Please do not hesitate to contact the PRI staff office at (860) 240-0300 if you have any questions related to this study.

Public Hearing: Detailed Information

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SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

The State Capitol Police request the cooperation of all individuals regarding security in the Capitol and LOB. Please do not leave briefcases or other items unattended. In addition, please do not use papers, briefcases, etc. to reserve a space in the line for public hearing signup. Abandoned items are subject to search and may be seized by the Capitol Police. All staff and lobbyists are reminded to wear their identification or lobbyist badges.

VISITOR PARKING

Capitol Police direct visitors to the first floor of the Legislative Office Garage. When this area fills, visitors are directed to other available areas of the parking garage. Once all public parking is at capacity, additional visitors are provided with a map to the Forest Street lot and a list of shuttle times.

Directions to the Forest Street Lot from the Parking Garage: Coming from the garage entrances, go straight to the light after the stop sign. Turn right onto Capitol Avenue. Go 9 traffic lights and turn right onto Forest Street, (Note: First right after crossing under the railroad bridge is Forest Street.) The Parking lot is the first driveway on the left. Lot C, State of Connecticut, DPW is marked with a blue sign.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The public entrances are located on the west side of both buildings. Members of the public will be required to walk through a metal detector and have all property scanned through a package scanner. Anyone who does not possess a CGA issued ID/Access card is considered a member of the public.