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West Hartford's Debra Polun Joins Connecticut Commission on Aging Staff

HARTFORD—West Hartford resident Debra Polun has joined the staff of the Connecticut Commission on Aging, the state's independent advocacy agency for older adults, as its legislative director.

Polun previously served nine years in the State Senate majority office as a senior policy analyst and special assistant to the Senate president pro tempore.

While serving in the Senate majority office, Polun contributed to the legislature's efforts to expand the HUSKY health care program, coordinate Medicare Part D with existing programs and fund health care-related research.

"Deb's deep legislative and public policy experience, particularly on numerous social services and health care issues, will be invaluable as we prepare for the many short and long-term challenges that lie ahead," said Connecticut Commission on Aging Executive Director Julia Evans Starr. "She has worked very closely for many years with legislators, advocates, constituents and other audiences that are key to helping the commission navigate the complex issues facing Connecticut's older adults of today and tomorrow."

Polun earned bachelor's degrees in psychology and sociology from Tulane University and a master's in social psychology from UConn. She lives in West Hartford with her husband and two children.

The Connecticut Commission on Aging, based at the state Capitol, was established by the legislature in 1993 to give older adults a stronger voice within state government on issues including health care, long-term care, nutrition, housing, employment, transportation, legal assistance and economic security.