



**AN ACT CONCERNING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS
RELATED TO THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN
CONNECTICUT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) The Commission on Children shall establish a
2 formal relationship with The University of Connecticut School of
3 Family Studies and The University of Connecticut School of Allied
4 Health by August 1, 2001, to carry out research and evaluation projects
5 related to the well-being of children and families in Connecticut
6 including, but not limited to:

7 (1) Detailed data collection and analysis to determine client
8 populations served, reasons services are provided, services received,
9 services available and not used and case management and service
10 outcomes;

11 (2) Identification of the indicators of risk for child abuse, neglect,
12 and abandonment, juvenile delinquency, educational failure, mental
13 illness, emotional disturbance and substance abuse in children, and the
14 prevention and intervention policies and programs required to address
15 those risks at the earliest point possible, including ways to maximize
16 points of contact with and referral to service systems;

17 (3) A detailed assessment of current service needs and projected
18 needs based, to the extent possible, on client population analyses, well-

19 being indicators, surveys and clinical studies; and

20 (4) The development and monitoring of indicators to measure the
21 progress toward goals of current state policies and programs for
22 children and their families, including, but not limited to, healthy,
23 thriving children, strong, nurturing families, positive youth
24 development and educational progress and success.

25 (b) The University of Connecticut School of Family Studies and The
26 University of Connecticut School of Allied Health shall apply for
27 funding from public and private sources to support the research and
28 evaluation required by this section in addition to state appropriations
29 it may receive.

30 (c) For the purposes of conducting the research and evaluation
31 required by this section, The University of Connecticut School of
32 Family Studies and The University of Connecticut School of Allied
33 Health shall be granted complete access to all records of all state
34 agencies and state-funded programs providing services to children
35 and their families while at all times protecting the right of privacy of
36 all individuals involved, in accordance with section 17a-28 of the
37 general statutes.

38 (d) The Commission on Children shall submit the results of the
39 research and evaluation required by this section to the Governor and
40 the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2002, and annually
41 thereafter.

42 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

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