



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

**Public Hearing Testimony  
Committee on Children  
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**H.B. No. 6725 AN ACT CONCERNING ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY**

The Department of Children and Families **supports** H.B. No. 6725, An Act Concerning Animal-Assisted Therapy.

DCF has met with representatives of the animal-assisted therapy community, and we agree that these changes are necessary for full implementation of the requirements of Public Act 13-114. These groups do amazing work during times of crisis and a critical element of this legislation is to provide better coordination in response to critical events.