Governor's Council on Women and Girls – Connecticut

Governor's Council on Women and Girls. Upon taking office in January 2019, one of Governor Lamont's first actions was to form the Governor's Council on Women and Girls – a group tasked with providing a coordinated state response to issues that impact the lives of women, girls, their families, and the State of Connecticut.

Chaired by Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz, the council is housed within the Office of the Governor, emphasizing the centrality of its work to the overall goals of the administration. Office of Policy and Management Secretary Melissa McCaw serves as the council's vice chair.
The purpose of this subcommittee is to identify health and safety issues that particularly impact women and girls and develop initiatives that support healthy lifestyles and offer physical, mental and emotional protection for women and girls affected by such matters.

Subcommittee TriChair:
Commissioner Beth Bye,
Office of Early Childhood

Subcommittee TriChair:
Commissioner Vannessa Dorantes,
Department of Children & Families

Subcommittee TriChair:
Commissioner Miriam Delphin-Rittmon,
Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services

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Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Appointed and Standing Membership:

- Representative Dorinda Borer, House Democrats
- Commissioner Deidre Gifford, Department of Social Services
- Acting Commissioner Deidre Gifford, Department of Public Health
- Commissioner, Department of Corrections
- Commissioner James Rovella, Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
- Commissioner Thomas Saadi, Department of Veterans Affairs
- Commissioner Jordan Scheff, Department of Developmental Services
- Executive Director Victoria Veltri, Office of Health Strategy

- AVERAGING ABOUT 30 REGULAR SBCMTE MTG ATTENDEES (*more on remote platform*)
- KEY STAKEHOLDERS FROM A VARIETY OF HEALTH AND SAFETY FOCUSED ENTITIES & STATEWIDE COMMUNITY BASED SUPPORTS
- REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIVIDUAL AS WELL AS GROUP INTERESTS RAISING AWARENESS OF GENDER SPECIFIC OUTCOME DISPARITY
Health and Safety Subcommittee Framework

Prenatal

Public Policy, Data and Metrics

Health and Safety Across the Lifespan

Prevention

Equity

Mental Health and Addiction Supports

Safe: at Home, in Community Settings, Child Care and Senior Settings
The ‘Next Ups’

- Special attention to young women’s health & safety advocacy efforts
- For example, the subcommittee Invited a group of 8th graders who wrote to the legislature about the issue of feminine hygiene product availability in schools
- Encouraging/mentoring health & safety, gender-based advocacy development to examine social justice equity issues during W&G Day H&S fair.
Consider as we prioritize - our top issues.
Governor's Council on Women and Girls, Health and Safety Subcommittee:

- Health Screenings
- Caregiver Supports
- Nutrition, Physical Fitness, Prevention
- Feminine Hygiene Product Access and Education
- Parent Education and Support
- Maternal Health Supports (State and Federal)
- Transition Services for Incarcerated Women
- Early Emotional Health Supports
- Sexual Violence Prevention/Support
- Access to Reproductive Health and Resources
- Systemic Racism and Discrimination in Health Care
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Supports

Exercise to refine our scope
Commitment to cross-agency, cross-system, bipartisan efforts ... this is never more evident than in pandemic response
COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Video: Tele-Town Hall Regarding State Children and Family Support Services

CTCARES for Frontline Workers helps some types of essential workers pay for child care. It offers direct payments to their child care providers, so frontline workers can continue to work. Learn about CTCARES for Frontline Workers.

CTCARES for Child Care offers financial help to child care providers who are willing to provide care for the children of essential workers. It benefits both groups — providers get additional funding, and essential workers get the child care they need to work. Learn about CTCARES for Child Care.

CTCARES for Family Child Care offers licensed family child care providers access to supports during COVID-19. Our goal is to help your program succeed so you can continue to do your vital work. Learn about CTCARES for Family Child Care.

CTCARES for Hospital Workers (also called Project 26) offers access to emergency child care for hospital workers and EMTs. Programs are set up across the state and close to Connecticut’s hospitals. Learn about CTCARES for Hospital Workers.

https://www.ctoec.org/covid-19/ctcares-programs/

Watch-TV PSA: TalkItOutCT (English) / TalkItOutCT (Spanish)
Listen-Radio PSA: TalkItOutCT (English) / TalkItOutCT (Spanish)

COVID 19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

April 23, 2020 Video: Tele-Town Hall Featuring Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence

Karen Jarmoc
Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Need to connect to an advocate?
Call · Text · Chat · Email · 24/7
CTSafeConnect.org
(888) 774-2900

Ashley Frechette

Beth Hamilton

- IPV Telehealth Script you can email astarrfrechette@ctcadv.org

https://endssexualviolencect.org/
Potential collaboration topics w/ MAPOC*

- Social Emotional Health & Well Being
- Child Care Concerns
- Reproductive Health
- Parity/ Insurance Coverage
- Food Insecurity
- Continuing Education Requirements
- Equity
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELL BEING
- GENDER SPECIFIC SEL
- WOMEN'S MH
- VIOLENCE
- lv/dv/sexual

CHILD CARE CONCERNS
- CAPACITY
- BACK TO SCHOOL IMPACT
- WOMEN OWNED CHILD CARE BUSINESSES

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
- DOULAS
- NURSE/MIDWIVES
- MATERNAL MORTALITY
- YOUNG MOMS
- SAFE HAVEN BABIES

PARITY /INS COVERAGE
- PHYSICAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
- GENDER SPECIFIC LIFESPAN COVERAGE
- DIAPERS
- MENSTRUAL INCONTINENCE

FOOD INSECURITY
- FEMALE HOH COVID IMPACT
- FORMULA ACCESS
- LACTATION COACHING

CONTINUING ED REQUIREMENTS
- GENDER SPECIFIC CURRICULUM & CEU DEVELOPMENT FOR PROVIDERS
OTHER NATURAL OVERLAPS???

- JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS?
- LIAISONS BETWEEN GROUPS TO ENHANCE EFFORTS AND REDUCE DUPLICATION
- STRATEGIC PLANNING