

## 2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

### Child Placing Agencies Division

#### **Department of Children, Youth & Families shall conduct Child Placing Agency Contract Evaluation**

- Contract should reflect services provided by and responsibilities awarded to Child Placing Agencies.

#### **Fully fund cost of care provided by Child Placing Agencies**

- Fund incremental increase in Child Placing Agency Administrative Fee
- Conduct Rate Study of Child Placing Agencies consistent with updated contract
- Implement Results of Rate Study by 2020

### Intensive Services Division

#### **Fund full cost of care for Behavioral Rehabilitative Services Agencies consistent with results of 2018 BRS Rate Study**

- Implement rate structure consistent with placement intensity for the highest needs youth in BRS therapeutic foster care, facility-based programs, and in family/kinship home.

### Family Preservation & Support Services Division

#### **Create Certificate of Parental Improvement**

- Individuals could obtain Certificate of Parental Improvement in order to be employed by or volunteer with agencies or schools that serve children, or to be licensed as a foster or kinship parent.
- DCYF would conduct review to ensure that more than five years have passed since founded finding of Child Abuse or Neglect and that the applicant does not have any conviction or pending criminal action listed as a permanent disqualifier according to the Adoption and Safe Families Act (42 USC S. 671(a)(20)).

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