

Connecticut Data Sharing Agreements: A Summary Chart¹

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It is the responsibility of the Connecticut Early Childhood Education Cabinet to advise state policy makers and local service providers on development of an early childhood system to maximize the likelihood that all children will begin school in good health and ready for academic success. As part of this public accountability mandate, the Cabinet contracted – in SFY 08 -- with the Public Consulting Group (PCG) to conduct a series of data development, interoperability and reporting analyses to help inform our deliberations and systems design for early childhood data.

One component of the PCG work was identification of cross-agency agreements having to do with either or both data sharing or service coordination. As the result of this work, PCG identified 47 memoranda of agreement (MOA) or understanding (MOU)² recommended that these agreements be posted for cross-agency and public access. They compiled summary information on these 47 agreements and analyzed them according to four major functions:

- Data sharing for interagency service coordination and/or systems building
- Data sharing for administrative purposes and/or reporting compliance
- Data sharing related to direct service provision
- Data sharing for training purposes and/or capacity building.

While this report does not satisfy the recommendation that each individual MOA or MOU be posted online to ensure for public access and promote public accountability, it does provide the reader with a listing of all 47 agreements identified by the Public Consulting Group.

¹ This report has been compiled by Dr. Janice Gruendel, Co-Chair of the CT Early Childhood Education Cabinet and includes an inventory of memoranda compiled by the Public Consulting Group in SFY 08. For more information, contact – janice.gruendel@aya.yale.edu

² In CT, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is often the vehicle to convey funds across agencies in the service of a joint goal. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is generally the cross-agency vehicle to define a series of actions that are to be taken collaboratively across the signatories to the MOU. At the federal level, these same distinctions (MOA vs MOU) do not hold, and many joint agency agreements are called Memoranda of Agreement.

Title of the Agreement		Agencies Involved	Description	Aggregate or Disaggregate Transferable Client Data	Coord/ System	Admin/ Reprts	Direct Servs	Train/ Capcty Bldg
1	Fetal and Infant Mortality (FIMR)	DPH and UCONN Health Center	This agreement supports the development of a statewide surveillance system to identify health related issues regarding fetal and infant mortality.	<u>Individual</u> Vital Statistics and medical records (does not indicate data dump or individual record transfer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
2	IDEA	DMR and SDE	This agreement lays the foundation for the development and implementation of a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary and interagency program of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.	<u>Individual</u> Data on individuals and families receiving early intervention services, data and statistics on infants and young children with disabilities (does not indicate data dump or individual record transfer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
3	CT Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant	DMHAS, DCF, DOC, DHE, DOIT, CID, DOL, DMR, DPH, DSS, DVA, SDE, OPM, COA, and the Judiciary	This MOU--implemented under the federal Mental Health Transition State Incentive Grant--(a) encourages data sharing and interagency collaboration to build a transparent, comprehensive the mental health delivery system in Connecticut and (b) encourages development of state agency partnerships to target services to individual at risk of mental illness to build a sustainable service delivery system.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
4	Newborn Hearing	DMR and DPH	This agreement allows for the implementation of a combined process that will result in the early identification and facilitative treatment of infants with hearing impairments.	<u>Individual</u> Data on individual attendance information, dates, location of services provided and notes on progress made (does not indicate data dump or individual record transfer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
5	Newborn Vision	DMR and BESB	This agreement supports the development and implementation of a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary and interagency program of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with visual impairments.	<u>Individual</u> Data on individual attendance information, dates, location of services provided and notes on progress made (does not indicate data dump or individual record transfer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
6	CT Birth to Three	B-3 (DDS), CT Head Start, and ACF	This agreement seeks to ensure continuity in the efficient and effective use of public resources in support of families, Early Head Start programs, ACF, and the CT B-3 system.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	



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8	Mental Health/Addiction Disorders System Planning Process	DSS/BRS and DMHAS	This agreement continues a system change planning process that reviews current training and employment services for residents of CT with mental and/or addiction disorders in order to develop new training and employment services for such individuals.	Quarterly and annual progress reports, potential audits of books, financial records, documents and papers pertinent to the contract and to subcontractors	x	x		x
9	Early Childhood Results Based Accountability	SDE (on behalf of the EC Cabinet) and OLM	SFY 07. SDE transmits Cabinet funds (\$50,000) to the Office of Legislative Management for TA to the Cabinet on Results Based Accountability.		x			x
10	School Readiness	SDE (on behalf of the EC Cabinet) and the Office of Workforce Competitiveness	SFY 08. This agreement funds EC Cabinet initiatives (ECE workforce Plan; Governor's Summit) through the Office of Workforce Competitiveness		x			
11	Early Childhood Cabinet and Research Policy and Initiatives	SDE (on behalf of the EC Cabinet) and DHE	SFY 08. SDE will transfer Cabinet funds of \$20,000 to DHE for the development of a plan for a longitudinal study that among its several scenarios will include an outline the additional data collection and analyses that would be necessary to do a Return on Investment study of the state's investment in preschool programs.		x			
12	CT Charts-A-Course	SDE (on behalf of the EC Cabinet), CT Community Colleges' Board of Trustees	SFY 08 & 09. SDE will transfer Cabinet funds of \$100,000 in FY08 and \$100,000 in FY09 to the Board of Trustees for administration and coordination of the CCAC Registry, support for the position of System Registry/Data Entry Counselor, data base management fees, and continued development and customization of the data system.		x	x		
13	Early Childhood Education Cabinet Initiatives	DAS, OWC, and SDE (on behalf of the EC Cabinet)	SFY 07. SDE transfers Cabinet funds (\$450,000) to OWC to (a) develop budget requests for the early childhood program, (b) promote consistency of quality and comprehensiveness of early childhood services, and (c) encourage the development of a school readiness program.		x			
15	Authorized Representative	SDE and DOL	This MOU recognizes DOL as an authorized representative of the SDE for the purpose of collecting data, evaluating, and reporting on the effectiveness of workforce development programs.. Required by FERPA restrictions, this designation allows DOL to obtain information regarding job placement and retention for students.	<u>Individual</u> Education Records, Employment Records, SSN (does not indicate data dump or individual record transfer)		x		



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16	School Readiness	DSS, Board of Education, and SDE	This agreement allows for the appropriate transfer of funds for SDE School Readiness programs, Federal Block Grant claiming and reporting, and data sharing for the DSS-SDE Adult and Child Adult Care Food Program.	<u>Individual</u> Data on individual C4K participant and licensed family day care providers including: name, address, city, state, zip, and phone (does not indicate data dump or individual record transfer)	-	X	-	
17	Youth Transition Services	DSS, DMR, DCF, DMHAS, DOC, SJD, SDE, and BESB	This agreement allows for the maintenance of resource mapping transition services to young adults with disabilities website.	Transfer of information on agency services and programs for youth with disabilities		X		
18	Computer Sciences	DCF and UCONN Department of Computer Sciences	This agreement promotes collaboration in designing, implementing, and maintaining a web-based application system to collect, store data, and produce reports related to behavioral health services and perception of care.			X		
	MST Services	DCF and CSSD	This agreement ensures that DCF and CSSD will use the same contract language for the purchase of multi-systemic family therapy services. This ensures uniform fiscal reporting, performance monitoring, and service expectations.			X		
20	Medicaid Services	DSS and DPH	This agreement allows DPH to provide information to DSS to ensure that children served by DPH are receiving adequate health care services.	<u>Individual</u> Birth record, Medicaid eligibility, demographics, birth outcome data, and birth screening data as related to Husky A, Husky B, Plus and Title V (indicates regular individual record transfer)	-	X	-	
21	CT Preschool Readiness Study	SBE, Connecticut Community College, SDE	This agreement contracts Connecticut Community College to review and update the Connecticut Preschool and Readiness Standards for New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Public Schools, NEASC for Independent Schools, and the American Montessori System so that each set of standards cohere with the revised early childhood program accreditation procedures of the National Association for the Education of Young Children			X		
22	Charter Oak State College	SDE, Charter Oak State College	SDE will transfer \$900,000 in FY 2008 and \$800,000 in FY 2009 to Charter Oak State College for coordination of ECEC interim quality process, the implementation of Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale-Revised and to quality improvement grants to classrooms.		X	X		



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23	Behavioral Health Teams	SDE and DCF	The SDE funds the DCF to set up responsive Behavioral Health Teams in selected early childhood sites to monitor report expenditures, annual reports, outcomes, program finances and compliance.			x		
24	Child Poverty and Prevention Council	SDE, ECEC, OPM	This agreement stipulates that the SDE will transfer \$50,000 in FY 2008 to the OPM on behalf of the CPCC to support the development of cost models for high priority action items related to the reduction of child poverty and that the CCP will report on the results of these cost models.			x		
25	CT Community Healthcare Initiative	CCHI and CT B23	This agreement establishes methods of coordination and cooperation to ensure that eligible pregnant women, children and their families enrolled in both programs receive timely referrals and comprehensive supports and services.	HUSKY data, B-3 service data		x	x	
26	Project Safe Phase II	DCF and DMHAS	This agreement serves as the foundation for work on issues related to child welfare and substance abuse, particularly in the areas of "show rates" for evaluations and treatments.	Aggregate Sharing of data, fiscal, and program reports subject to state and federal confidentiality la	-	-	x	
27	Help Me Grow	DPH and Children's Trust Fund (CTF)	This agreement supports collaboration between DPH and CTF in identifying children at-risk for mental or behavioral problems and to connect children to existing community resources.	Aggregate Program level data on child developmental status and statewide resources	-	-	x	
28	CT Health Information Network (CHIN)	DCF, UCONN Health Center, and AZAKA	This agreement provides secure access to both intra and inter-agency data that is stored in multi-agency database systems for the purpose of providing efficient services.	Individual Demographics, Health Service History	-	x	x	
29	Families Case and IEP Extension	DCF Case and IEP Extension	This agreement allows DCF case files and IEP information to be kept open for children referred to Young Adult Services until the age of 21.			x	x	
30	The Home Care Program	DCF and CCSD	This agreement acts as a bridging service that allows children to receive home and community based care and services while they wait for long-term psychiatric services.	Juveniles' screening and evaluation results			x	
31	New Haven Healthy Start	NHHS and DPH	This agreement supports joint collaboration b/w NHHS and DPH Title V Child and Maternal Health Services regarding access to services.				x	
32	Young Adult Services Program	DMHAS and DCF	This agreement is allows for DCF to assist DMHAS is identifying youth that are eligible for the Young Adult Services program prior to aging out of DCF services.				x	



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33	Early Intervention Services	DMR and DCF	This agreement ensures that DMR will evaluate in an expeditious manner those children for whom DCF has developmental concerns.	Pediatrician diagnoses, referral services, surrogate parent notification			x	
34	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor	DSS/BRS and Central High School, Bridgeport CT	This agreement establishes that DSS/BRS and Central High School of Bridgeport will co-locate a Vocational Rehabilitation Officer at the school who will determine eligibility and provide vocational rehabilitation services for consumers.	Confidential consumer information			x	
35	CTWorks-East	EWIB, BESB and DSS/BRS	BESB and BRS will provide cross-training for CTWorks-East partner and subcontractor staff regarding disabilities issues, and assist consumers and employers locate disability-related resource agencies and services.				x	
36	Adoption Assistance Program	DCF and UCONN Health Center Adoption Assistance program	This agreement extends the UCONN Health Center's coordination of the Adoption Assistance Program, Post-Placement Services Program and Adoption Community Network. DCF will share confidential information about children committed to DCF with UCHC.	Information on children committed to DCF as neglected or uncared for or children for whom DCF has been appointed statutory parent.		x	x	
37	Infant Mortality	DPH and DSS	This agreement establishes funding from DPH for case management services for eligible pregnant women through HUSKY A. The DSS will administer these services via their Healthy Start program.		x		x	
38	Monitoring Incarcerated Youth/Youth in Custody	DCF, Department of Correction	This agreement establishes a protocol for the development and implementation of individualized discharge planning for youth in the custody of the DOC and also DCF involved. DCF data will be shared with the DOC ombudsman, and DOC data will be shared with social workers	Individual; Criminal records and names of DCF involved individual		x	x	
39	Detained Children Data	CSSD, DCF, and UCONN Health Center	This agreement designates CSSD to collect and analyze data regarding children who are detained on a pretrial basis and services provided to such children	Individual; Names and other personal identifiers for court-involved 16 and 17 year-olds		x		
40	CT School Readiness Program	SBE, Connecticut Community Technical Colleges	This agreement continues funding for the crosswalks of the revised NAEYC accreditation program with other approved accreditation systems, and also allows for bonuses for individuals in the Early Childhood workforce to pursue the completion of a Bachelor's Degree.					x



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41	Early Childhood Behavioral Consultation	SBE and DCF	SBE will transfer \$400,000 for FY 2005 and 2006 to DCF to provide early childhood behavioral and mental health training and technical assistance, including on-site consultation, to community-based early childhood programs serving children ages 3 and 4 with disabilities who are receiving special education and related services.	Program types, towns, name of child, disability information, length of duration/stay, pre- and post-social an emotional assessments program specific IEP and town information.				x
42	CT Charts-A-Course Accreditation Project	SBE, ECEC, CT Community Colleges Board of Trustees	SBE will transfer \$159,500 in FY 2008 the Board of Trustees to provide additional support for programs experiencing difficulty meeting the licensure requirements and/or NAEYC requirements and to provide financial assistance for Program Administrators in need of additional coursework to meet NAEYC criteria.	Data on up to fifteen schools that still need to be accredited, end-of-year report on activities, outcomes and expenditures				x
43	Children's Trust Fund	SDE, ECEC, CCTF	SDE will transfer \$100,000 to the Children's Trust Fund to support parent leadership training using recognized parent leadership training curriculum.					x
44	Connecticut Charts-a-course Accreditation Facilitation Project	SBE and Connecticut Community Technical Colleges	This agreement contracts Connecticut Community Technical Colleges to expand and enhance an accreditation facilitation project so that school districts and early care and education settings serving 3-5 year-olds with disabilities under IDEA are provided with financial support and technical assistance in NAEYC accreditation.					x
45	Birth Through Five newsletter	SBE, DMR, and UCONN	This agreement contracts UCONN to prepare and disseminate 6 editions of The Birth Through Five Newsletter over 2 years. SDE will share database lists from which UCONN will compile a mailing list.					x
46	Domestic Violence	DPH and Department of Correction	This agreement establishes cooperation and collaboration between the DPH and DOC for education and training on the subject of Intimate Partner Violence					x
47	Mental Health Training	DPH and UCONN Health Center	This agreement contracts UCONN Health Center's Southeastern Area Health Education Center to provide healthy child and adolescent development education and training to non-mental health professionals who serve children.					x