

Three Pillars of Support

Department of Children & Families (DCF)
CT State Government Agency

United Community & Family Services (UCFS)
Federally Qualified Health Center

Child Protective Services (CPS)

CPS Worker:

- Client is the **CHILD**
- Primary focus is the safety of children
- Investigates reports of child abuse & neglect
- Takes appropriate legal actions to ensure the safety of children

Foster & Adoption Services Unit (FASU)

FASU Worker:

- Client is the **CAREGIVERS**
- Navigates caregivers through the legal requirements for foster care licensing and/or adoption

Caregiver Support Team (CST)

CST Clinician:

- Focus is **CAREGIVERS** and children in their care
- Mandatory service contracted by DCF
- Supports caregivers and secures resources for families
- Available in-home for up to 6 months
- 24/7 Crisis response