Please join us for this issue-based, multidisciplinary program, which will address a broad range of topics regarding children’s health. CHA is pleased to have the Department of Children & Families (DCF) Commissioner Joette Katz provide the keynote address, which will focus on strategies outlined in DCF’s Connecticut Children’s Behavioral Health Plan, initiatives to improve the detection and reporting of child abuse, DCF’s efforts to better partner with hospitals and medical providers in Connecticut, and several other agency initiatives.

We will also be joined by professionals from Casey Family Programs, ValueOptions, Connecticut Community Provider Association, and DCF staff for presentations on the impact of changes in child welfare practices in hospitals, and addressing the growing problem of child abuse and sex trafficking of minors.

This forum will also feature medical professionals from four Connecticut acute care hospitals participating in a panel discussion to share key lessons and best practices being implemented across the state for meeting children’s behavioral health needs in the ED.

Learning Objectives:

• Increase awareness of DCF’s current initiatives regarding the Children’s Behavioral Health Plan, improving education and training for the detection and reporting of child abuse, and curtailing domestic minor sex trafficking in Connecticut.

Registration

$25 per person for Acute Care Member attendees.
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• Discuss the impact on hospitals of the department’s efforts to shift from congregate to community-based care; explore the impact of this transition on volume, acuity, and length of stay in emergency departments of children with behavioral health problems.

• Report on efforts to improve training and education for mandated reporters.

• Highlight the work of an initiative in DCF Region III involving five hospitals, to improve recognition and reporting in hospital settings of suspected physical abuse of children.

• Review initiatives at several Connecticut hospitals to pursue best practices for treating children with behavioral health issues in the ED.

• Increase awareness of ongoing efforts to combat domestic sex trafficking of minors in Connecticut, including training of ED staff on protocols for their evaluation and care.

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