



Joette Katz  
Commissioner

## DEPARTMENT of CHILDREN and FAMILIES

*Making a Difference for Children, Families and Communities*



Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor

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Dear Kinship Family,

The month of September is a time to honor and recognize kinship care by promoting awareness of those relatives who play a valuable role in supporting children in Connecticut. I am pleased to report that kinship placements now represent the most common placement type for our foster children.

In recognition of September's national focus on kinship care, I would like to sincerely thank you for your commitment and love you provide to our children. When the Department has had to remove children from their parents, your love and generosity have enabled it to turn to you as grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives, and your willingness to open your homes and hearts to these children helps to ensure they have safe, stable and loving homes, and meaningful connections and relationships that all children deserve.

Thanks to you and our traditional foster care families, we have strong partners to serve our children, and a strong array of loving families and homes to support them when they need it most. The Department is honored to serve you and our children are lucky to have you in their lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joette Katz".

Joette Katz,  
DCF Commissioner