

# New Hampshire Child Welfare Systems Transformation

A safer future for our children begins with a robust and unyielding focus on promoting health and well-being and the prevention of trauma caused by child abuse and neglect. Realizing this future requires more than reforming our child protection system. It requires transforming the child-serving and family support systems in every community. With an unyielding sense of urgency, it's time to transform tragedy into substantive and systemic change in New Hampshire.

To do this, we must collectively move upstream and energize the resources and supports in every community that parents need to raise their children in the best and most challenging times in their lives.

**To accomplish this, DCYF commits to:**

## Responding, Strengthening and Innovating: Constructing a Safer Future for the Children and Youth of New Hampshire

### **Responding to the Challenges Facing DCYF**

DCYF is responding to the challenges identified in the independent review, leveraging findings to guide, focus, and monitor our work, and listening to stakeholder groups to ensure we are headed in the right direction, building systems that everyone can support and making expected progress.

### **Strengthening our Team and Our Bonds with Child Welfare Stakeholders**

We recognize that DCYF has dedicated and knowledgeable staff, providers, and partners, and we commit to strengthening the capacity and tools of the workforce to improve the safety and well-being of children and youth.

### **Innovating Practice to Meet the Needs of Today's Children**

We embrace a system that moves upstream to prevent child abuse and neglect before it occurs, by providing families and communities the education and resources they need to create a safe and healthy environment to support children's development. We commit to guiding and supporting a culture of learning, data driven decision-making, and continuous improvement to promote DCYF's ability to innovate and transform safety practice, programs, and policies.

### **Constructing a Safer Tomorrow, Today**

We believe constructing enhanced safety approaches takes thorough planning, skilled professionals, the right tools and resources, and working with stakeholders to build a foundation that will support the vision. We also recognize that sustainable safety for children depends upon everyone working together to foster healthier families and communities to prevent future trauma.

