

## **Parent Education Program Committee Meeting**

Thursday, March 1, 2018 – Court Support Services Division

Attendance – Judge Buzzuto, Joseph DiTunno, Deborah Fuller, Jill Davis, Doug Edwards, Mimi Donagan, William Brown, Steven Hernandez, Lisa Hyland, Alyssa Goduti

Committee members are asked to introduce themselves and the agenda is distributed and reviewed.

The New 2017 Parent Education Program Statistics and Waiver Data booklets are handed out.

Joseph DiTunno presents that since the 2017 RFP three agencies no longer participating in the program, Access Agency Danielson, UCON Torrington and Community Child Guidance Clinic, Inc. Manchester.

The survey data was reviewed it is consistently showing high and very high satisfaction with the program content and the providers themselves. The survey questions have remained the same since the programs commencement and it was suggested the questions be reformatted.

The trend of declining participants in the program is continuing whilst the number of cases filled in court is not decreasing. How can data be studied to explain this trend? Can Edison be used for this purpose? Is the increasing number of never married parents affecting the number of participants? Is the Parent Education Program ordered in custody cases? How accessible is the Parenting Education Provider's brochure at the court service centers located in the courthouses? The next Provider's meeting should discuss these concerns and brainstorm possible solutions. Agencies will be asked to submit their participant data in July to monitor participation.

The Judicial Branch's facilitator annual training will be scheduled for the fall. The Joseph DiTunno is trying to secure a presentation from Dr. Nina Livingston, a Pediatrician specializing in child abuse cases.

The next Parent Education Program Committee meeting will be scheduled shortly.