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MEMORANDUM

TO: All DCF Staff and Community Partners
FROM: CT DCF Commissioner Vannessa Dorantes
DATE: April 21, 2020
SUBJECT: DCF Youth and Termination of Services

Please be advised that, effective immediately, the Department is suspending the issuance of the DCF-800, Notice of Proposed Denial, Suspension, Reduction, or Discontinuance of DCF Benefits, to all DCF involved youth. This suspension will be in effect until at least September 1, 2020.

Policy 28-1, Adolescent Services, which requires the issuance of the DCF-800 to youth who are aging out or failing to maintain compliance with program requirements is suspended. In addition, consistent with the Commissioner's COVID Order #1, issued April 6, 2020 which suspended non-critical Department of Children and Families Administrative Hearings, Fair Hearings will NOT be scheduled for any youth who have previously been issued a DCF-800. The suspension of DCF-800's and subsequent fair hearings also applies to youth receiving postsecondary education benefits pursuant to policy 25-2, Adoption Subsidies.

During this period, all services to DCF involved youth shall continue, including services for youth who would normally be aging out of their respective Services Post Majority programs.