

## Other Services for Children, Adolescents and Families

- ◆ Child & Adolescent Outpatient Treatment
- ◆ Connecticut Clearinghouse
- ◆ Crisis Stabilization Services
- ◆ Diagnostic Assessment & Referral Team
- ◆ Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services for Children and Adolescents
- ◆ Extended Day Treatment Program
- ◆ Group Homes & Residential Services
- ◆ HelpLine
- ◆ IMPACT
- ◆ Individualized Family Service Team
- ◆ Intensive In-Home Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services
- ◆ Multi-dimensional Family Therapy
- ◆ Multisystemic Therapy
- ◆ Northwest Village School - Special Education
- ◆ Prevent Child Abuse Connecticut
- ◆ Prevention and Wellness
- ◆ Sexual Abuse Treatment
- ◆ Specialized Foster Care
- ◆ Teen Connection

*Wheeler Clinic also offers a full continuum of behavioral health services for adults.*



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*Fostering Positive Change*

## Life Long Family Ties Program

*Helping Teens Become Successful Adults*



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## Helping Teens Successfully Become Adults

Making the important transition from youth to adulthood is difficult for any teen. For a youth who has been in foster care or other types of out-of-home placements, the need for adult support and guidance is even more critical. Life Long Family Ties is an innovative program that fills this need by establishing strong connections with family members, teachers, neighbors and others in the community who want to make a difference in the lives of these adolescents.

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### Our Goal

Wheeler Clinic's Life Long Family Ties (LLFT) program works to create a network of caring adults to help guide a youth's transition into young adulthood and beyond. In addition to coordination of services, our team of experts helps ensure an optimal degree of safety, support and permanency during this transition period.



## How to Become Involved

Anyone concerned about teens in their community can be involved in the Life Long Family Ties program. Wheeler Clinic staff work closely with families and/or individuals by providing training, support and coaching, in order to establish positive relationships, and

Our team will help you to connect or re-connect with a teen who needs the kind of support and guidance you may be able to provide. We will also help you to develop your relationship with the teen over time, ensuring the youth's needs are being met as they move into adulthood.

An initial interview will provide an opportunity to learn more about you and how you can be involved. For example, you could help a teen by:

- Becoming a "mentoring" family resource for weekends and holidays.
- Being a supportive role model to help with activities such as filling out college and/or job applications, helping the teen get a driver's license, finding an apartment and other independent living skills.
- Becoming a permanent placement resource.



## Eligibility

Eligible are youth:

- Referred by the Department of Children & Families
- Currently in a foster care or residential placement
- Have a future goal of permanent foster care or independent living

Eligible families/individuals are:

- Interested in becoming a permanency resource for an identified youth
  - Invested in becoming a positive mentor in a youth's life
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### Additional Information

For more information about the Life Long Family Ties Program, call toll-free 888.793.3500.

