

# Our Behavioral Health Work: **SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND INTEGRATION**

## **CHDI strengthens and integrates systems so they are more equitable and improve children's behavioral health and well-being**

CHDI fuels collaboration across government, provider, school, community, research, and family partners to identify system challenges and advance research-based solutions that improve care and ensure equitable outcomes for children, youth, and families.



## **CURRENT INITIATIVES**

### **Behavioral Health Plan for Children**

CHDI led the development of the State of Connecticut's Behavioral Health Plan for Children in 2013 through a collaborative process and plays an ongoing role in the implementation of the plan. The plan provides a blueprint for meeting children's mental, emotional, and behavioral health needs.

### **Connecting Children and Families to Care**

Connecting to Care is a partnership to improve children's behavioral health by building an accessible, equitable, and coordinated system or "network of care." CHDI serves as the Coordinating Center for the initiative, which is funded through a federal system of care grant.

### **Behavioral Health Workforce Development**

CHDI is working with the State of Connecticut to convene stakeholders and develop recommendations for strengthening and sustaining the children's behavioral health workforce. CHDI is also developing a comprehensive training platform to support children's behavioral health providers.

*\*CHDI is also strengthening school, child welfare, early care and education, and other child-serving systems through our Trauma-Informed Care and Comprehensive School Mental Health initiatives.*