

# 2026 Priorities

Through collaboration with DCYF staff, community partners, families and young people, in 2024 we developed five priorities to advance our system. DCYF's strategic plan "[Setting P.A.C.E. For Rhode Island Children, Youth and Families](#)" highlights these priorities and keeps us focused on our mission.



**In 2026**, our priorities remain the same, with an especially keen focus on strengthening our continuum of care and uplifting voices of those we serve. We will leverage the [Children's Behavioral Health Consent Decree](#) to strengthen our service array for children and young people in the care and custody of DCYF so that they receive timely access to services and supports in the most appropriate setting to best meet their needs.

**WELL-BEING:** Our objective is to establish a proactive child and family well-being system that prioritizes the voices of youth and families, enhances preventative support and improves overall outcomes.

**RACIAL JUSTICE:** We are dedicated to promoting racial equity by identifying and eliminating systemic racism within our child and family well-being system.

**TRANSITION:** We focus on supporting foster youth in their successful transition to adulthood, paying particular attention to LGBTQIA+ youth, those aging out of care and other marginalized groups.

**WORKFORCE:** We aspire to engage our workforce by fostering a well-resourced, well-trained and supportive organizational culture.

**CONTINUUM OF CARE:** We are committed to building a robust continuum of care that ensures improved access to a diverse range of therapeutic supports and services.

