

Connecticut's Department of Children and Families Commissioner Hamilton Announces New Bureau Chief of Child Welfare Services



Stacey H. Gerber, MSW., MS

Commissioner Susan Hamilton announced that Stacey Gerber, a veteran Department of Children and Families worker will be the new DCF Bureau Chief of Child Welfare Services, in charge of over 2300 Connecticut social workers and other employees.

Gerber, 41, of Cheshire, Connecticut, served until recently as the Director of Foster Care Services. She joined DCF in 1989 as a social worker, a children's services consultant in 1994, a social work supervisor in 1995, the Assistant Child Advocate in 1995, the Chief of Staff in 1997, a Deputy Commissioner from 1998-2004, Director of Administration from 2004 until 2006 and as the Director of Foster Care Services until appointed as the new Bureau Chief, effective February 29, 2008.

“Stacey is incredibly talented and deeply committed to the mission of the Department of Children and Families,” Susan Hamilton said. “DCF has an enormously difficult job to do: It works with families and young people facing some of the most challenging moments of their lives. Fortunately, our agency is blessed with a talented and dedicated staff. I know that they will benefit from the leadership of Stacey and are determined to make real differences in the lives they touch.”

A native of New York, Gerber received her undergraduate degree in Sociology from Long Island University. She obtained both a master's degree in social work and science, with a concentration in Urban Studies from Southern Connecticut State University. She and her husband, Ray, have a daughter and a son.

“I'm honored that Commissioner Hamilton has selected me to lead the Bureau of Child Welfare Services and I welcome the opportunity to work with DCF staff in serving the children and families of Connecticut,” Gerber said. “The Department has made significant progress in improving outcomes for children and families and I look forward to continuing and building on those improvements and furthering the Department's mission in collaboration with state agencies and our community partners. I hope that my experience as both a front-line social worker and manager in the Department for several years will be an asset to me.”