

Jeanne Milstein

Jeanne Milstein has a long and distinguished career in public service to children and families in the state of Connecticut and more recently, New York State. Jeanne is currently the Director for Human Services in the City of New London. She serves as Co-chair of the Southeastern Connecticut Opioid Action Team which has developed a comprehensive initiative to prevent overdose deaths and increase coordinated access to appropriate treatment and recovery support services. She has also developed and implemented the first voluntary certification for recovery houses in New London.

Prior to this position, Jeanne was Director of Special Projects and Staff Researcher at the Tow Youth Justice Institute, University of New Haven.

She served as Connecticut's Child Advocate from 2000 until 2012, an independent state agency responsible for overseeing the care and protection of children. The Office of the Child Advocate is often referred to as the “watchdog agency” for children. Jeanne has led efforts to reform the foster care, juvenile justice and mental health systems for children and youth. She has diligently guided and steered initiatives to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in those systems as well.

In addition, Jeanne served as the Deputy Commissioner of Strategic Planning and Policy Development for the Office of Children and Family Services in New York State.

She began her career as a VISTA volunteer immediately after graduating from Cornell University in 1977. Jeanne has also served as the Director of Government and Community Relations at the Department of Children and Families; Legislative Director at the Connecticut Commission on Children; Director of Government Relations at the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women; and Director of the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut.

Jeanne had dedicated her career to improving the lives of our most vulnerable citizens.