

## **Kristina Stevens, LCSW**

Kristina Stevens currently serves as Connecticut's Department of Children and Families (DCF) Administrator of the Clinical and Community Consultation and Support Division overseeing the agency's work on early and middle childhood, supportive housing, intimate partner violence and substance use, interagency client planning, community based mental health and a range of child welfare practice initiatives. Kristina's professional career started at The Institute of Living where she had the privilege of working with adolescents and their families in therapeutic and recreational programs. In 1995, following her work at the Institute, she began working as a Social Worker for DCF, holding various positions and developing a passion for facilitating and supporting the achievement of positive permanent outcomes for children and youth in care. During this first tenure at DCF, Kristina worked at the State's child and adolescent psychiatric facility, was a Program Manager overseeing therapeutic foster care and adoption and held the role of Behavioral Health Program Director. In 2005, Kristina joined Casey Family Services/The Annie E. Casey Foundation, providing agency-based and national consultation and training on program development and child welfare issues and later serving as Division Director for one of the eight agency Divisions. Central to Kristina's work has been her passion for partnering with and learning from children, youth, families and providers and continuing to build a responsive service system yielding improved outcomes.