

(Hartford) – Today, **Senators Joseph I. Lieberman, Richard Blumenthal**, and **Congressman John B. Larson**

announced \$936,496 in federal funding for the Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF). The funding will be used to reduce child abuse and neglect, help families find stable housing, and help parents of children with high service needs find employment through the DCF Intensive Supportive Housing for Families Program (ISHF).

"This program addresses Connecticut's great need for supportive housing and provides important social services to families with very limited options," said Senator Lieberman. "This funding will help to improve the quality of life and create a brighter future for many of Connecticut's struggling families and children."

"This housing grant will help keep families together and enable more stable homes for children at risk of family breakup," said Blumenthal. "Providing housing tailored to a family's strengths and needs is highly cost effective – avoiding the trauma and experience of foster care and separation of children from parents. This funding will help provide a roof overhead, and services inside to provide better homes for children and families."

"It is crucial that we protect our children and provide aide to our most vulnerable population" said Congressman Larson. "I am very pleased to see this funding going towards supporting stability for many across the state, and will continue my work to help provide the care and assistance that our children and families need in Connecticut."

The grant, awarded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, will go towards developing and implementing the ISHF program, which is designed to be an integrated, collaborative, cross-system intervention model for families within the child welfare system with severe housing issues and other high service needs.

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