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## Caregiver Support Team

SUPPORTING FAMILIES. SUPPORTING YOUTH.

Wheeler's Caregiver Support Team supports Department of Children and Families (DCF)-licensed foster homes, with a focus on kinship families – biological relatives of a child or children in care. The program is designed to prevent – or minimize – disruption of a child's placement with a foster family by providing intensive in-home interventions to the child and family. The goals of the program are to foster stable placements; assess and respond to family needs; identify and cultivate strengths and supports within the family; and enhance parenting skills of both the kinship and biological family.

### OUR APPROACH:

Wheeler's Caregiver Support Team provides caregivers with the support and tools they need to provide a safe and stable environment for the children in their care. Our team:

- Connects families to tangible community, clinical and other supports to facilitate placement
- Assists families in navigating the DCF system
- Empowers families to understand and problem-solve around the impact of placement for all family members
- Provides psycho-education to meet family needs
- Assists in cultivating natural supports, connection to birth family, and permanency planning

Our team meets with the family at times, locations, and at the frequency that works best for each family. Our team is also available on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide support.

### Your Starting Point

Kinship and Core DCF families are referred by the Department of Children and Families Foster Adoptive Services Unit. For information, call 860.793.7255.

### Location

74 East Street  
Plainville, CT 06062

### Funding Source

Connecticut Department of Children and Families

WE SERVE FOSTER/ADOPTIVE AND KINSHIP FAMILIES LIVING IN DCF REGION 6, NEW BRITAIN/MERIDEN:

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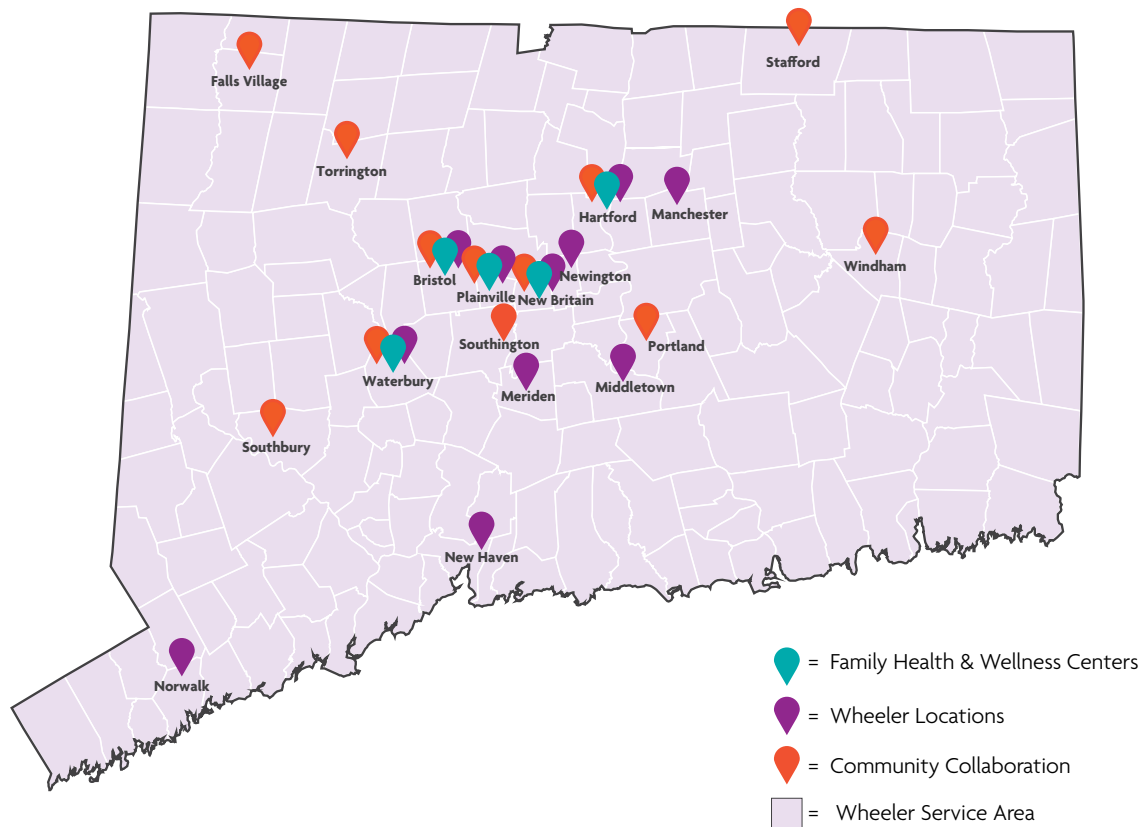
## ABOUT WHEELER

Wheeler provides comprehensive solutions that address complex health issues, providing individuals, families and communities with accessible, innovative care that encourages recovery, health and growth at all stages of life. Our integrated approach to primary and behavioral health, education and recovery creates measurable results, positive outcomes and hopeful tomorrows for more than 30,000 individuals across Connecticut each year.

## WHEELER'S CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- Driven by cutting-edge clinical innovation and use of evidence-based practices;
- Offers easy access to a comprehensive array of treatment and recovery support services that are culturally, gender, and age-responsive, trauma-informed, and build on individuals' strengths to foster resiliency and recovery;
- World-class customer care is provided in an integrated, coordinated fashion, ensuring continuity of care; and
- Partners with youth and families in yielding excellent outcomes and high client satisfaction.

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