

Charge of
The Subcommittee on Criminal Issues and Child Protection

The Subcommittee on Criminal Issues and Child Protection shall identify areas where access to justice is impeded for incarcerated and unrepresented parties in cases of child protective services removal proceedings. The Subcommittee shall consider relevant statutes, Practice Book Rules and appellate court rulings that may provide insight to access to justice in these types of cases.

To help fulfill this charge, the Subcommittee may wish to consider the following:

- Consider new and inventive ways to address the substantial unmet need for legal assistance for incarcerated individuals. This may include such issues as the lack of access for defendants to computers and technology.

- Review and discuss the available options to be suggested by prosecutors in misdemeanor criminal cases, including eligibility for pretrial diversionary programs. The Subcommittee may also explore the role of the prosecutor in the possible use and referral of social service programs for defendants.