

## **Outline of Testimony for Vermont Child Poverty Council**

**Lisa L. Estivill, LICSW Director of Therapeutic Education/After School Services**

**Children, Youth and Family Services Division**

**Washington County Mental Health Services, Inc.**

- I. Introduction and overview of CYFS/WCMHS, Inc. services**
- II. Increase in trauma exposure and neglect in relation to opiate epidemic**
  - A. Need for community based supports and placements for children**
  - B. Adolescent inpatient substance abuse treatment**
  - C. Staff compensation**
- III. Continued difficulties accessing services for children and youth with ASD**
  - A. STARS School**
  - B. Chandler's Story**