

## **CHINs Reform Initiative – Investment of \$7 million of Tobacco Settlement Funds**

### **SFY 2020 Accomplishments to-date:**

1. Sustained Home Visiting – Comparison Study of Home Visiting Models  
Appropriation      \$25,000  
Cost of Study        \$15,000

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/DCF/reports/Home-Visiting-CHINS.pdf>

2. Judicial Master and Associated Staff  
Appropriation      \$400,000  
Judiciary currently hiring positions - Chittenden/Franklin Counties
3. Review of CHINs Court Process  
Appropriation      \$125,000  
Judiciary has contracted with the National Center for State Courts

### **DCF's Proposal for SFY 2021:**

1. Continue Funding of Judicial Master initiative (Judge Grearson to provide cost)
2. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR): Mediation Pilot in Franklin County  
\$200,000
3. Sustained Home Visiting Initiative  
\$1 million (In addition to Governor's Initiative)
4. Peer Navigators focusing on New Americans: 2 positions in Chittenden and Rutland Counties  
\$200,000