

Faith Murray

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony to support the work of the Supportive Housing for Families Program from The Connection.

I entered the Supportive Housing for Families (SHF) Program on March 15, 2019. I have 3 children ages 3, 2, and five months. At the time that I came into the program, I had just given birth to my son, Yazaire, who is now two and I was in the process of being reunified with my son, ZayVonne. I was temporarily living with my aunt at the time I started with the SHF program.

Shortly after my first meeting with my Case Manager, we started viewing apartments and within sixty-days I was able to move into my own apartment. This helped me reunify with my oldest son. The support from the program with rental assistance, a security deposit, furniture, and driving school to obtain my license has been invaluable to me and my boys and allowed us to be a family and start over. I was able to focus on saving money, working a full-time and a part-time job, obtaining daycare for my sons, buying a car, and obtaining a Section 8 voucher. I was able to remain in my apartment for a year and then moved to Hartford with my Section 8 voucher. My DCF case also closed at this time. I have since had a third child, a boy, who is now five months old and I continue to work and maintain my apartment.

I appreciate all of the support from my Case Manager and the program. If it wasn't for this program, I wouldn't have made it to where I am now. I again would like to thank you for your continued support of this program.