

**Kudos: Candice Sekely and Deborah Cooney**

Office of Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) case aides are responsible for transporting children and supervising them during appointments and visits. They are on the front-line, learning the ins and outs of each child's everyday life; as such, they are often able to convey important information to their supervisor to ensure each child's safety.

A CYF caseworker recently sent an email commending two case aides, Candice Sekely and Deborah Cooney, for their attentive, caring work with a child who is currently in foster care. While transporting the child, both Candice and Deborah had heard statements that made them concerned about the child's safety and well-being. Each continued to engage the child and delicately sought ways to dig deeper into the situation. Ultimately, there was enough concern that the child was removed from the initial foster family and placed into a safer home.

The email states: "Without the great work of Candice and Deborah, the safety concerns involving [the child] would not have been known. [The child] is safe tonight because they cared enough to make a difference. They're an asset to this agency and I truly appreciate the excellent work they did!"