

Quinceañera

Quinceanera is a rite of passage for Latina girls, as they make their transition from childhood to womanhood. It is traditionally celebrated at a young woman's 15th birthday.

Through the efforts of a statewide volunteer committee, DCF will be sponsoring Quinceanera for 25 young Latina girls, or bi-racial girls who identify themselves as Latina, and who are 14, 15, 16 year-old in calendar year 2007.

The activities/event related to this will be held in the Hartford area. There will be required participation in certain activities, including workshops, rehearsals and other pertinent activities. The eligibility criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Submission of an essay written the young girl expressing her keen interest in the program. If a girl is uncomfortable with her writing skills, she may seek assistance from her Social Worker, or other identified support. However, the Social Worker cannot write the essay for the participant. The essay should be 500 words or less.
- Have a permanency goal other than reunification (OTC, committed or TPR).
- Maintain at least a C average.
- Have good attendance.
- Be compliant with DCF expectations.

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