***Advocacy and Mentorship Program***

***Regional Advocate Roles***

* Understands and educates Resource Parents on DCS Policy and Procedures
* Performs training on Resource Parent Bill of Rights
* Represents Resource Parents in SIU, CFTM, court proceedings, and other relevant forums
* Meets face-to-face, monthly, with their assigned regional administrator or designee
* Acts as a communication bridge between Family Service Workers and Resource Parents
* Provides a clear channel for Resource Parents to access information, support, and direction
* Assists Resource Parents with grievances and appeals with DCS
* Promotes the safety and well-being of children as paramount above anything else 