



State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Commission on Children

Family Civics & Parent Engagement: Why it Matters to Connecticut

Regular Meeting of the Connecticut Commission on Children

10 a.m. – Noon
Tuesday, January 12, 2010
Room 1-D, Legislative Office Building, Hartford

AGENDA

- I. Routine Commission Business
Vote on minutes of November 10, 2009 meeting
- II. Why Parent Engagement? A National Scan of Best Practices
- III. Connecticut at the Cutting Edge: What the Research Tells Us
- IV. How Parent Engagement Increases Civic & Family Gains: Parents from Different Communities Speak

Marisol Estrada-Soto, Parent Leader - Meriden
Ann McAdams, Parent Leader - Windsor
Kimberley Fontaine, Parent Leader - East Hampton
Tawana Bourne, Parent Leader - Middletown
- V. Community Return on Investment - Panel Discussion

George Coleman, Deputy Commissioner, State Department of Education
Donna Thompson-Bennett, The Parent Center, Bridgeport
Jose Colon Rivas, Ph.D., Exec. Director, Mayor's Office for Young Children, Hartford
Merryl Eaton, Christian Community Action, New Haven
Michael Frechette, Superintendent of Schools, Middletown
David Nee, Executive Director, William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund, Hamden
- VI. The Federal Opportunities in Parent Engagement
- VII. Maintaining Our National Role