The Village for Families and Children
Community Provider Rescue Fund Bill
Public Hearing
February 26, 2008

Location: Legislative Office Building Room 2A
Time: 10:00 am

We are Eric Jurado and Luis Diaz

We live at 39 Warren Drive, East Hartford, CT

As parents of two children ages 6 and 8, we have been affiliated with The Village for Families and Children 4 years.

The Village has helped our children and our family family to learn and cope with behavioral problems that had arisen in our family for the past 4 years. Our therapist at the Village had and still have walked us through many hurdles in our family. Since my youngest son was diagnosed with ADHD, the Village has supported us with his condition and has given us the proper care, counseling and referrals that we need to handle his condition. At times it has seemed that we were not be able to take care of his needs, but our therapist has always been there to find a solution to our problems.

Without the services of The Village for Families and Children, we couldn't have taken care of our son, the way we have for the past 4 years and for many more to come. The services provided to my son will help him be a much better kid, young adult and help him become a better adult and a better person—responsible and a productive member of our community. It is my belief that without the services that my children are being provided at the Village, we would not be at the point that we are in our lives right now, which is a family who can cope with difficulties and one that can count with services that our community have to offer.

We urge you to support the work of non-profit organizations by providing adequate funding, so that families like ours can continue to benefit from their services. Without them, there will be many children and families lost in our cities and towns. The services that are being provided are basic services and they do make a big difference in our children's day to day lives. Please do not let our kids get lost. Without your help and funding we are lost.