

"KEEP THE PUBLIC IN PUBLIC POLICY"
"FAMILIES ARE HUMAN CAPITAL FOR OUR STATE"

My name is Angela Valentine, I am a Parent Leader and Facilitator of EPIC, PLTI, PEP and Ready,Set,Read here in Greenwich, CT. Through the Commission on Children and Parent Trust Fund, I have been able to participate in these programs here in our Greenwich Community.

I am emailing you regarding the threat to eliminate the Commission on Children and the Parent Trust. Please do not allow either to happen.

In lower Fairfield County , we rely on our representatives to be advocates for children and we know the importance of the work of the Commission on Children. I would like to emphasize that the Commission on Children not only does important legislative advocacy and policy work for the legislators and your constituents; they also are the only revenue generating Commission for the state. In this past year alone, as they were being cut, they secured over 9 million dollars in SNAP E & T funds to benefit our poor and working poor families and their children.

The Parent Trust is a testament to the work of the Commission as it develops and supports public/private partnerships to effectively engage parents as leaders in education, economics and democracy throughout the state. The Commission on Children is more vital than ever during these fiscal times. Parent Leaders are needed as we work toward economic recovery in Connecticut.

Our budget should not be balanced on the backs of children and families. Cuts in children and family programs will COST the state \$\$.

We need to continue to support state entities that PRODUCE revenues for the state—such as the Commission on Children!

Cutting programs to children and families could cost the state millions of dollars in Federal aid.

With more jobs being eliminated, families and most importantly children will suffer. We will move from Recession to Depression with the maasive amount of budget elimination.

Please Save The Commission on Children.
Regards,

Angela Valentine, Parent Leader, Greenwich, CT.