To whom it may concern,

My name is Szilvia Hadden. I am a PLTI class member right now in Danbury CT. Hearing that the PLTI could be cut next year because of a budget cut, I just have to write to express my concerns not to do so. I cannot even begin to explain what it means to me to be able to attend to PLTI in Danbury; where we have one of the most ethnically and racially diverse groups. It is so wonderful having such a diverse group presented at PLTI and learning with and from each other, way beyond what the curriculum requires from us. I am a naturalized citizen of the U.S., so PLTI provides me with the foundation to know how the local systems work and how to interact with them. It is empowering coming together with the PLTI members as a community every week and to share our concerns about or community and work towards solutions.

Best Regards,
Szilvia Hadden
PLTI 2009 class

Subject: Saving CTF and COC

1) We, the undersigned believe that the governor's proposal to eliminate the Children's Trust Fund (CTF), would drastically negatively impact families in Connecticut. As there is a national standard for doing so, we further urge the legislature to keep prevention programs under CTF and not the Department of Children and Families. Prevention programs are successful only if there are separate and distinct lines drawn between prevention and intervention services.

2)We further believe that the Connecticut Commission on Children (COC) serves as a barometer for our citizens that have no voice: the children. Without its expertise and finger on the pulse of our communities, our families would be severely underserved and children□s lives would be severely impacted in the areas of education, safety, and health.

Legislators, please keep CTF and COC.

Signed: Szilvia Hadden
PLTI 2009 class