

In 2003 I completed the Parent Leadership Training Institute's 6 month class. I learned that by taking an active role and voicing my opinion I could be a motivator for change and make a difference. I believe in standing up for the rights of children, and working to make their lives better. I'm hoping our efforts to thwart the Governor's budget cuts in the areas of Children and Families will turn out to be a prime example of that principle working.

Through PLTI I was empowered to leave my comfort zone and work to make our community better. I am now the executive director of a non-profit arts organization as well as a lecturer at Middlesex Community College. I believe strongly in importance of the PLTI program as well as the Commission on Children and many of the other Children's programs. I attended many of the meetings of the Commission on Children and was impressed at how much they accomplished and the amount of money they raised.

While it's true that our Governor has a tough job to balance the budget, cutting children's funding certainly can not be the best answer. Our children need our help - and we need to give them proper education and other services that will enable and empower them to become the leaders of future generations. Please help sustain these programs for Children and their caregivers.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
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