

**Testimony of Kenya Edwards, Parent
with the Children's Trust Fund Nurturing Families Network**

**Attention: Appropriations Committee
with regard to the Governor's March 1, 2010 Deficit Mitigation Plan
Thursday, March 11, 2010**

Good Evening Chairman and members of the Appropriations Committee:

I, Kenya Edwards, am a client of Nurturing Families Network at the Fair Haven Community Health Center.

I speak not only for myself, but for all the other clients that NFN has helped.

My home visitor, Michelle Afanador and NFN has helped me in many ways

First and foremost, she has helped me to understand the development of my daughter, and has taught me activities to do with her that will help her develop mentally, socially and emotionally.

My home visitor has also helped me to see the potential I have in myself. She has helped me to enter a school in the human service field. Without the support of NFN and my home visitor, I may not have been able to enter school, or be as knowledgeable about the development of my 18 month old daughter.

Keeping NFN will be a positive impact on our children, who are our future!

So look at me, it made an impact on my life and will always remain within me because
SOMEONE BELIEVED IN ME!!

Thank you,

Kenya Edwards
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenya Edwards". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and address.