



Injury Prevention Center
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Dear Legislators:

It has come to my attention that the Nurturing Families Network at Hartford and New Haven will be eliminated. That would be a devastating loss to the first time moms that rely heavily on this type of program. I am a Program Coordinator for the Injury Prevention Center of CT Children's Medical Center. I partner with the Nurturing Families Network, as a guest speaker on topics like Home safety, and have seen firsthand how beneficial this program is to the parents it serves. Parents would approach me before or after my presentation and they would tell me how bless they are to have a program like the Nurturing Families Network and how loss they would be without it.

The moms in this program receive a great deal of education. Most moms that have the need for this type of program don't have the resources or the knowledge that they need to be successful parents. These populations which are for the most part racial minorities are either single parent, unemployed without a high school education with a history of abuse. To have this program taken from them would be another blow to their already difficult situations.

I respectfully asked that you reconsider the proposed elimination of the Nurturing Families Network.

Sincerely

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