

Classique Creations Childcare
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Testimony

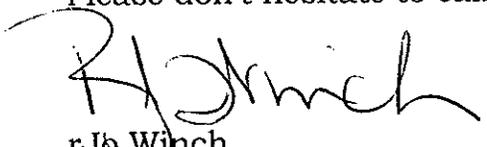
I, Rosezina J. winch AKA rJo, live in the City of Hartford and have been providing childcare for more than 2 and a half years. I provide care for ages infants to 3years from 6:30am to 7:30pm. I have 3 after school aged children whose parents work second shift. I ensure all under school aged children leaving the Classique Creations Childcare are pre-K ready. Each of them work on their alphabets, colors, numbers and shapes. We play word games so many of the are already recognizing words like cat, chimpanzee, dog, elephant, eyes, gorilla and mouth.

I care for children who are awarded to the State so it is very important that they are in a loving, caring, nurturing environment. I ensure each child knows they are loved and are safe in my facility. I also have great relationships with the children's parents, foster parents or guardians. They know they can call upon me if they need additional assistance and I will be there for them.

I purchase toys and books for the children, cook meals for them daily, and purchase all of our books out of pocket. As we all know prices for the same materials steadily rise, but Care 4 Kids has not kept up. There has been little to no increase in the rate of financial assistance from Care 4 Kids. As an in-home provider of 6+3 children, each child receives individualized attention. Parents are struggling to pay as much as they can while Care 4 Kids does not pay the total cost per week even when the certificate awards the parent full time rates.

All Providers, like myself, need to have collective bargaining language in State Legislation that ensures we are better compensated so we can continue to hire staff to assists with the care of the children. Children must be cared for properly while parents go to work. Providers need to have a law that protects, speaks for and delivers this compensation, and the right to unite and bargain when the above does not happen.

I look forward to answering any questions. I can be reached at 8 60-904-9593. Please don't hesitate to call me.



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