

March 13, 2012
Labor and Public Employees Committee
In Support of S.B. 352

My name is Juanda Sanchez. I am a license exempt childcare provider in Hartford, and I am submitting this testimony in support of S.B. 352.

What I would like to see improved in the C4K program is the ability to have taxes withheld from the subsidy, and an automated invoice system so I'm not repeating the same information monthly. Also, an improvement over the current system would be bi-weekly paychecks and a way for C4K to verify parents are getting their co-pays.

I've taken C4K twice before -- once for my nephews and once for my niece. Through the program, it took C4K 5 months to mail me my first 3 months of pay. I had to go down to the office and straighten things out in person. We do our part as providers, why can't C4K offer us support? C4K should live up to its name and provide care to kids, parents, and providers alike.

That experience, and the frustration I felt, is why I'm glad to be a part of a union. I have experience with C4K. I know what needs to be changed. Providers deserve to be treated respectfully by the subsidy program. We provide a great service for the community, but we're the one who suffer. Please vote to support SB 352 and our right to collectively bargain with C4K.

Juanda Sanchez
Hartford, CT