

The proposed House Bill 6359 will ensure the coordination and delivery of early childhood services. Children and families will benefit greatly from this streamlining, as service gaps will be apparent, and all professionals working collaboratively can make informed policy decisions.

The current delivery system is fragmented over five agencies, which is confusing for providers and families. These five agencies, the State Department of Education, Department of Social Services, Department of Public Health, Department of Developmental Services, and the Board of Regents working together, will ensure program quality, information, and access to services.

President Obama emphasized the importance of investing in early childhood in his State of Union Address Tuesday night. He spoke about the significant effect this investment will make for a sound economy, and a skilled, informed nation. His speech gave early childhood the focus and attention it deserved.

Myra Jones-Taylor has lead early childhood stakeholders in creating this impressive plan; the creation of an Office of Early Childhood. Connecticut should follow Governor Malloy and President Obama's lead by focusing on the importance of early childhood ensuring a better future for generations to come.