



ALL OUR KIN INC.

A SAFE AND LOVING PLACE WHERE PARENTS AND CHILDREN CAN LEARN

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Dear Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I've been a licensed provider in New Haven for almost seven years.

I think Care 4 Kids is a good system that is trying to help under-privileged parents, but their calculation and their rates need to change.

The rates are just ridiculous. I have one kid in my child care right now who's here for twelve and a half hours a day. Care 4 Kids is only paying \$109 a week for this child. The mother can't afford to pay the rest of the cost of care, so I get another loss. It's very frustrating how they do their calculations.

The parents don't even understand how they're doing their calculations. They don't know why Care 4 Kids is paying so little when they are getting a paycheck of \$300 a week, sometimes \$280. The parents are very aggravated.

I think Care 4 Kids is a good program and a good support for the parents that need help to work, but the rates need to increase.

Sincerely,

Natalie