

Middlesex Coalition for CHILDREN

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Members of the Appropriations Committee:

I represent the Middlesex Coalition for Children, which advocates for children in Middlesex County and on state-wide issues that affect children.

I would like to:

- 1) **Express support for the proposed early childhood budget, which is a great budget for kids.**
- 2) **Support the creation and funding of the Office of Early Childhood.** This office will be instrumental in coordination and implementation of new and existing early childhood programs.
- 3) **Support the movement toward universal pre-k.** I urge that any funding put into place be flexible to achieve universality and to maintain and improve quality.
- 4) **Support rate increases for early childhood programs.** They are long overdue and are essential to maintain and improve quality.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Izzi Greenberg

Executive Director