"TESTIMONY for March 3rd, 5P.M. for the Appropriations Secondary Education Sub-Committee"

Submitted By: Bloomfield Parents, Grandparents and Foster Parents

February 25th, 2015

Dear Senator Bye, Representative Walker, Senator Slossberg, Representative Fleischmann and Members of the Secondary Education Sub-Committee:

As parents, grandparents and foster parents in the Town of Bloomfield, we are <u>opposed</u> to the proposed 1.3 million dollar budget cut to Youth Service Bureaus which includes the entire Enhancement Grant Line Item currently in the budget at $620,000 and an approximately $700,000 cut in the Cost Sharing grant that YSBs receive for being a YSB. We oppose the proposed move of the YSB system from SDE to the Department of Children and Families. The move would compromise if not dismantle the data system that uses school outcomes as a measure of success for the youth served by YSBs. The system has been in place for years and significant financial resources and people hours have been invested in the Results Based Accountability Framework.

These grants are crucial to our town and, more specifically, to our children. In this new environment of magnet, private, charter and public schools it is difficult to keep a sense of community in any town. The programs that our Social and Youth Services Department puts forth allows our children to achieve that feeling. With our Bloomfield Youth Services programs, our children participate in programs that combine senior citizens with younger children, clubs that empower children to work together regardless of their backgrounds, inter-cultural programs, volunteer service, police and youth programs, family programming and trips, juvenile review board, foster care programs, youth leadership groups, counseling, crisis intervention; everything that provides children with a sense of belonging and value in the community. These programs bring young and old together regardless of race, religion, cultural background, sexual orientation into one big community to share experiences and build on the theme of "it takes a village".

Again, we are opposed to the elimination of the Enhancement Grant and the reduction to the Cost Sharing Grant line item for Youth Services Bureaus. These children are our future and by eliminating and/or reducing these grants you are cutting the rug out from under them. Bloomfield takes great pride in listening and responding to the needs of children and their families. Youth Services has provided services since the 1970's but we cannot do it alone; especially in this current economical environment.

We are urging you to reinstate the Enhancement Grant as well as the current reduction to the Cost Sharing Grant line item in the CT Department of Education budget for Youth Services Bureaus.

Yours sincerely,

(Appropriations Committee Testimony – Bloomfield Parents, Grandparents and Foster Parents)

Signature
Caryn E Wallace
Printed Name
Caryn E Wallace
Address
319 Tunxis Avenue
Date
2.27.15
Additional Comments
Great programs for kids + families!

Signature Rosalind Best
Rosalind Best
Printed Name
368 Tunxis Ave
Address
2/26/15
Date
Keep all Services for Families
Additional Comments

Signature
Donna Clunie
Printed Name
Donna Clunie
Address
3 Hilltop Circle
Date
Bloomfield CT. 06002
Additional Comments
Services need to continue

Signature Melissa L. Satchell
Melissa L. Satchell
Printed Name
22 Barry Circle Blmfd CT
Address
2.27.15
Date
Additional Comments

Signature
Ermilia Guerrier
Printed Name
Ermilia Guerrier
Address
17 Cottage Grove cir
Date
Additional Comments

Signature
Hyacinth Brown
Printed Name
This is a wordy cause Please help us.
6 Drummer Trail Bloomfield CT.
Address
02-27-15
Date
Additional Comments

(Appropriations Committee Testimony – Bloomfield Parents, Grandparents and Foster Parents)

Signature

Daphne Falconer

Printed Name

Daphne Falconer

Address

8 Sutton Place, Bloomfield, CT

Date

2/26/2015

Additional Comments

Signature

Tamara Colón

Printed Name

Tamara Colón

Address

6 Jerome Ave, Bloomfield, CT

Date

02/27/2015

Additional Comments

Signature

Ethel Brewster

Printed Name

ETHEL BREWSTER

Address

614 Park Ave

Date

2.26.14

Additional Comments

Signature

Barbara Bagnall

Printed Name

BARBARA BAGNALL

Address

1046 Blue Hills Ave

Date

Bloomfield, CT 06002

2/28/15

Additional Comments

My family has used many of the programs for the past few years which has been very important to us. Without these programs many of us will suffer.

Signature

Joanne Moral

Printed Name

14 Prospect St

Address

2-26-2015

Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Melissa Jones

Printed Name

6 Lyman Lane Bloomfield CT 06002

Address

2/27/2015

Date

Additional Comments

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Signature Ronnell Young

Ronnell Young
Printed Name

11 Sutton Place
Address

2/26/15
Date

This has been a very beneficial program for my daughter & great for the community
Additional Comments

Signature Cecilia Springer-Haughton

CECILIA SPRINGER-HAUGHTON
Printed Name

65 ELIZABETH AVENUE
Address

02/26/15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature Valerie Johnson-Martin

VALERIE JOHNSON-MARTIN
Printed Name

17 BRIAR LANE
Address

2/26/15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature

ERIC MARTIN
Printed Name

17 Briar Lane Bloomfield
Address

2/26/15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Roger E. Bunker
Printed Name

28 Old Village Rd
Address

2/26/15
Date

Additional Comments
Youth Services save kids.

Signature

Pepe Betts
Printed Name

45 Alexander Rd
Address

2/26/15
Date

Additional Comments

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Signature
Gomes
Printed Name
Cheryl Gomes
Address
5 Jaybee DR, Bloomfield
Date
Keeps youths involved in positive ventures. Helps to build social skills.
Additional Comments

Signature
Cheryl Young
Printed Name
Cheryl Young
Address
34 Wesleyan Ter. Blmfd.
Date 2/25/2015
Please let us stay involve in positive activities.
Additional Comments

Signature Hanson
Michelle Hanson
Printed Name
28 Wade Ave, Blmfld CT
Address
2/26/15
Date
Blmfld Youth Services is a very positive aspect of the children. The children are safe and the programs are innovative, Educational and socially appropriate for them
Additional Comments

Signature
Ronald K. Young Sr
Printed Name
34 Wesleyan Ter
Address
Blmfd. Ct. 06002
Date 2/25/2015
We enjoy those family trips
Additional Comments

Please put back the money in the budget for them!

Signature William Crosby
William Crosby
Printed Name
46 Alexander Road
Address
2/26/15
Date
This is a great program, PLEASE DON'T SHUT IT DOWN!
Additional Comments

Signature Wallace Reid
Wallace Reid
Printed Name
16 Downing Cir, Bloomfield
Address
2/26/15
Date
My Daughter's time in the program has been enriching
Additional Comments

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Signature

Printed Name

Address

Date 2/24/15

Additional Comments The Youth Services Program has supported my foster children for the past 11 years. Please continue its services.

Signature

Printed Name Rolf Priemer

Address 152 Duncaster Rd. Bloomfield CT

Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name Vernice Austin

Address 83 Ellsworth Dr. Bloomfield, CT 06002

Date

Additional Comments Youth Services is a great organization. Needed very badly in our town.

Signature

Printed Name

Address 27 Brentwood Drive 06002

Date 2/24/15

Additional Comments This town's Youth Services is instrumental in development of our children. Cutting this program would be detrimental.

Signature Adrienne Valentine

Printed Name Adrienne Valentine

Address 23 Brentwood Dr. 06002

Date 2/24/15

Additional Comments Youth Service has been great for my kids.

Signature

Printed Name GEORGIA SAPPLETON

Address 49 Brookline Ave, 06002

Date 2/24/15

Additional Comments

(Appropriations Committee Testimony – Bloomfield Parents, Grandparents and Foster Parents)

Signature

Kevin Simmons
Printed Name

3 Brentwood Drive
Address

2/24/15
Date

Grant, funds should not
Additional Comments
be eliminated. Grant, Funds
are helpfull.

Signature

Steven Dunn
Printed Name

14 PINNEY ROAD BLOOMFIELD CT.
Address

02/24/15.
Date

RECONSIDER your Budget!
Additional Comments

Signature

Lisa Clarke
Printed Name

309 Parker
Address

2-26-15
Date

they is great it's helpful
Additional Comments

Signature

Gail Nolan
Printed Name

157 Duncaster Rd
Address

2/26/2015
Date

We Love the programs + they
Additional Comments are vital to the community!

Signature

Sharon T Thomas
Printed Name

14 Taft Avenue
Address

2-26-15
Date

Will be helpful For our kids
Additional Comments

Signature

Judith Bailey
Printed Name

28 Barfield Ln
Address

2/26/15
Date

We need the program for our kids
Additional Comments & the community

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Signature

Printed Name

1106 Kristins Way

Address

2/27/15

Date

Please keep this program going it means a lot to the kids

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

Steven Barifte

Address

17 May LA Bloomfield CT 06002

Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

154 Brookline Ave

Address

2/28/15

Date

Please keep the Funding for the program.

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

23 Breadwood Dr

Address

2/28/15

Date

Please Keep funding for program

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

207 Woodland Ave

Address

2/28/15

Date

keep the funding for program

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

534 Main St

Address

2/28/15

Date

Keep funding for programs

Additional Comments

(Appropriations Committee Testimony – Bloomfield Parents, Grandparents and Foster Parents)

Signature

Printed Name

Address

2/26/15

Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

7 Pasture lane

Address

Feb. 26

Date

Additional Comments

Signature Johnnie Grice

Johnnie Grice

Printed Name

Wredgewood

Address

Feb

Date

N/A

Additional Comments

Signature Jessica Flores

Jessica Flores

Printed Name

53 Tyler Street

Address

2/26/15

Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Ramon L Flor

Printed Name

53 Tyler Street

Address

2/26/15

Date

We need this program's

Additional Comments

Signature

Bridgette

Printed Name

Bridgette Gray

Address

19 Patton Road

Date

Bloomfield 2/27/15

Additional Comments

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Signature

Alana Hazel

Printed Name

21 Daniel Blvd

Address

2/26/15

Date

Don't cut programs for kids

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

Address

Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Nadine Lawrence

Printed Name

6 Jackson

Address

2-26-15

Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

Kevin Lewis

Address

25 Hampton Lane

Date

2-26-15

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

Laura Miller

Address

17 Diana Dr, Bloomfield

Date

2/26/15

Additional Comments

Signature

Tasheia Lattimore

Printed Name

27 Brentwood Dr

Address

2/26/15

Date

Additional Comments

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Signature
Lynn Johnson
Printed Name
11 Evan Lane
LYNN Johnson
Address
2-26-15
Date
Additional Comments

Signature
Nancy R. Priemer
Printed Name
Nancy R. Priemer
Address
152 Duncaster Rd
Date
2/26/15
Additional Comments

Signature
Barbara Gardner
Printed Name
Barbara Gardner
Address
2-26-15
Date
Additional Comments

Signature Garnel Woodard
GARNEL WOODARD
Printed Name
47 KENWOOD CIR.
Address
2-26-15
Date
Additional Comments

Signature
Printed Name
Edwin Carrillo
Address
17 Hampton Lane
Date 2/26/15
Additional Comments

Signature
Elaine Whittingham
Printed Name
Elaine Whittingham
Address
189 Park Ave
Date
2/27/2015
Additional Comments

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Signature

Samuel Davis
Printed Name

10 Guernsey Rd
Address

Bloomfield CT 06002
Date 2/23/15

Additional Comments

Signature

Leonardo Mason
Printed Name

3 Beach Road
Address Bloomfield CT 06002

2/28/15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Irene Wilkins
Printed Name

79 Ashford St
Address

2-28-15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

Ivana Raye
Address

38 Florence Rd
Date

2/28/15
Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

Willie Fulse
Address

115 Brookview Rd
Date

2/28/15
Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

Brett Mortimer
Address

447 Tunxis Ave Ext
Date

2/28/15
Additional Comments

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Signature

Michelle Jones
Printed Name

43 Barry Circle
Address

2-28-15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Amber Penns
Printed Name

20D Wedgewood Dr
Address

2-28-15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Leah Fleeting
Printed Name

50 Wintonbury Ave
Address

2/28/15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Constance Leshe
Printed Name

75 Marguerite Ave
Address

Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Sheryl Wilkerson
Printed Name

7 Alexander Rd.
Address

2/28/15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Aaron Butler Sr
Printed Name

10 Clayton Dr.
Address

2/28/15
Date

Additional Comments

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Signature John R Fortson SR

JOHN R FORTSON SR
Printed Name

198 DUNCASTER RD
Address

2/28/15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature Darryl K Fortson

Darryl Fortson
Printed Name

37 Jackson Rd
Address

Bloomfield CT
Date

2/28/15
Additional Comments

Signature Guey Neal

Guey Neal
Printed Name

144 COTTAGEGROVE ROAD
Address

2/28/15
Date

Give us back our money
Additional Comments

Signature Cassandra Skyers

Cassandra Skyers
Printed Name

616 Jackson Rd.
Address

Blmfd, CT 06002
Date

2/28/15
Additional Comments

Services support our youth

Signature John R Fortson Jr

John R Fortson JR.
Printed Name

340 Rockwell Ave
Address

2/29/15
Date

Youth need money
Additional Comments

Signature Deborah Fothergill

DEBORAH FOTHERGILL
Printed Name

17 Cobblestone Rd
Address

2/29/2015
Date

Our Children Need help
Additional Comments

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Signature Bryan Fothergill

BRYAN Fothergill
Printed Name

17 Cobblestone Rd
Address Bloomfield CT. 06002

2-28-15
Date

Our Children are the Future
Additional Comments

Signature Toni Proffitt-Wimberly

Toni Proffitt-Wimberly
Printed Name

16 Wedgewood Dr Apt A-4
Address Bloomfield CT 06002

2-28-15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature Christine Frason

Christine Frason
Printed Name

37 Jackson Rd
Address

2-28-15
Date

Fund Bloomfield Youth Services
Additional Comments

Signature Sheila Harris

Sheila Harris
Printed Name

6 Woodside Drive, Bloomfield, CT 06002
Address

2-28-15
Date

for our children to have Youth Services
Additional Comments

Signature Cheryl Fortson

Cheryl Fortson
Printed Name

198 Duncaster Rd
Address

2/28/15
Date

Funding needed for our children
Additional Comments

Signature Leonard + Andrea Cobb

Leonard + Andrea Cobb
Printed Name

124 Revere DR
Address

2/28/15
Date

For the youth
Additional Comments

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Signature Cheron Hodges

Cheron Hodges
Printed Name

198 Duncaster Road
Address Bloomfield, CT 06002

2-28-15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature Maxine B. Neal

Maxine B. Neal
Printed Name

144 Cottage Grove Rd.
Address Blmfd, CT. 06002

2-28-15
Date

Additional Comments

Doreen Y. Forbson
Signature

Doreen Forbson
Printed Name

340 Rockwell Ave.
Address Bloomfield, CT 06002

2-28-15
Date

Additional Comments

William H Neal
Signature

WILLIAM H NEAL
Printed Name

144 Cottage Grove
Address BLOOMFIELD CT

2-28-15
Date

Additional Comments

Mildred Washington
Signature

MILDRED WASHINGTON
Printed Name

2 Capewell Dr.
Address Bloomfield, CT

2/28/15
Date

Additional Comments

Pauline R. King
Signature

PAULINE R. KING
Printed Name

1083I Blue Hills Ave
Address Blmfd CT 06002

MARCH 1, 2015
Date

Our children will not be denied!
Additional Comments

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Signature: Stephanie Fry

Printed Name: Stephanie Fry

Address: 87 Hills Lane Bloomfield CT

Date: 2-28-15

Additional Comments: I Love this program its extreamly benifitial

Signature: Nicole Smith

Printed Name: Nicole Smith

Address: 32 Deer Meadow Dr

Date: 2-28-15

Additional Comments: my child Loves this Program

Signature: Carol Wallace

Printed Name: 12 Hill Farm Rd

Address: Bloomfield CT.

Date: 2/28/15

Additional Comments:

Signature:

Printed Name: Shari Lewis

Address: 201 Woodland Ave

Date: 2/28/2015

Additional Comments: Great program!

Signature: Beth Ward

Printed Name: 28 Ashley Court

Address: Bloomfield 06002

Date: 2/28/15

Additional Comments:

Signature:

Printed Name:

Address:

Date:

Additional Comments:

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Signature Zelpha Stevens

ZELPHA STEVENS
Printed Name

15 BEATRICE AVE
Address

BLOOMFIELD CT 06002
Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

Address

Date

Additional Comments

Cherelle Murray
Signature

Cherelle Murray
Printed Name

37 Jackson Rd
Address Blmfd, CT

3/1/2015
Date

Keep our activities
Additional Comments

Claudia J. Ouellette
Signature

Claudia J. Ouellette
Printed Name

8 Bestor Ln
Address

3/15
Date

Response Youth Money
Additional Comments

Maurice Donnell
Signature

Maurice Donnell
Printed Name

5 Malone Dr. Bloomfield CT
Address

3/15
Date

Additional Comments

Signature

Printed Name

Address

Date

Additional Comments

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Signature
Susie Gaines
Printed Name
Susie Gaines
Address
39 Wesleyan Terr.
Date
2-28-15
Additional Comments

Signature
Cheryl Hemingway
Printed Name
37 WADE AVE Bloomfield CT
Address
2-28-15
Date
Additional Comments

Signature Tangie Boyd
Tangie Boyd
Printed Name
39 Wesleyan Terr.
Address
2-28-15
Date
Great program
Additional Comments

Signature
Printed Name
Address
Date
Additional Comments

Signature Janice Williams
Janice Williams
Printed Name
43 Linwood Dr
Address
2/28/15
Date
Great Program
Additional Comments

Signature
Printed Name
Address
Date
Additional Comments