



TESTIMONY TO SUPPORT REINSTATING ABCD'S HEADSTART LINK FUNDING

What Parents Say:

“My child was having a very difficult time transitioning to school. I am expecting a baby and having some complications so every day when my child came to school he was very upset and nervous. The teacher said he would cry, refuse to eat, did not want to play and could not focus. One day the teacher sang the “Biddy, Biddy,” and my son immediately stopped crying and in the middle of the song said, “My mom sings this song.” From then on the teacher sings “Biddy, Biddy” every day when he comes to school. He is now excited to come to school again and drop off is now a painless procedure for me. “

- PreK Parent, Cesar Batalla School, Bridgeport CT

“My child wasn't speaking in school. He started singing the songs he learned in school at home, and then he started singing them in school; his teacher told me last week he is now starting to talk, especially after the class.”

- PreK Parent, Dunbar School, Bridgeport. CT

“My child makes me do this. He makes me sing the songs and look at the book. We do it every night. ”

-Parent of 2 yr old, Bridgeport Parent Center Class.

“As a mother and grandmother, I am grateful for the experience. I value the precious, delightful time I spend with my grandchild and I thoroughly enjoy the class. I have witnessed other's children's progress but I have experienced my own granddaughter's advancement, from an unorganized toddler, to a controlled, centered child. And she has become a lover of music, rhythm , and routine.

- Grandparent of 18 month old, Skane School class