

Middletown's EvenStart Program has been in existence for 15 years! We have been a model program for multi-generational learning and literacy since its inception. Our parents (of 6weeks-3yrs) come to us with multiple barriers to employment and education and we strive to educate both the parent and the child, as well as their extended family with our programs. We offer EvenStart parents classes in Basic Skills,High School Completion or ESL. Our programs are housed, conveniently, in one centrally located building on Main St. and we work jointly with all local support services including CT Works, DSS, Housing, Community Health Center, Shelters, court, etc.

Please DO NOT close down this vitally important program that serves our EvenStart clients in our 14 towns in Middlesex County. I would suggest a thorough review of our program's successes with the Two-Generational inter-agency model. EvenStart has been recognized both at the State and Federal level as a model Two-Generational Program!
The concept of Two-Generational Initiatives is alive and working (very) well here in Middletown Adult Education's EvenStart Program.

We have a fully functioning College & Career Center that offers job shadowing, internships, resume workshops and on-site access to CT Works, CONNTAC (financial aid assistance), Middlesex Community College courses and WIOA services. Our EvenStart Program has greatly impacted the lives of young children and their parents by providing high quality early childhood education to ensure that they can succeed in Pre-School and beyond.

I have been a School Counselor working with the EvenStart Program since its creation. I have been employed at Middletown Adult Education for over 28yrs. and have seen how valuable this Program has been to countless students and their children. Our parents and children have gained access to invaluable services and support given by our EvenStart teachers, teacher aides, social workers and educational staff that support them on their educational and life journey. Please DO NOT remove this multi-generational educational option from these most vulnerable families.

Most Sincerely,

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