

I am pleading with you to restore funding to the Even Start programs in Connecticut. I do not know how, in good conscience, one cannot see the value in pre-K literacy in children. The Even Start program has incorporated in it, a component called PACT time (parents and children together). This program helps parents learn how to instruct their children to learn through activities. This time shared together while fun, is instructional at the same time. It teaches Adult Education students to be better parents. Can anyone deny that our children who are having children do not need instruction on how to be better parents?

Who could possibly come out and say to the public "I do NOT support literacy in children." I certainly do not hope it is any of our legislators.

To cut funding to early childhood learning is egregious.

Please restore Even Start funding to its fullest level at the hearing on February 16. If we can support alcoholics and drug addicts with state funding, we certainly can support infants and toddlers in our literacy efforts.

There is not any program more deserving of our resources.

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