

Dear Committee Members-

I am writing in support of the Middletown Even Start program. As Director of the Adult Education program in Middletown, I have personally witnessed this program significantly change the lives of young children and their parents in a positive way. The program has been resident within the Adult Education facility for the past 15 years. As a NAEYC accredited program it has allowed hundreds of children between the ages of 6 weeks and 3 years to benefit from early childhood education, while their parents are completing their high school requirements. If this program is eliminated these parents would not be able to attend school, seek better employment and/or attend postsecondary programs. I would ask that you consider the wellbeing of both these children and hard working parents who will contribute to our community in a positive and productive manner. Thank you.

James G. Misenti
Director
Middletown Adult Education