



A Family Learning Program

Written Testimony of Jessica Alvarez
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Dear members of the Appropriations Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. My name is Jessica Alvarez and I am a parent in the New London Even Start Program.

As a parent in the Even Start program it has helped me a lot and my daughter. If it wasn't for this program I wouldn't been in school. Having my daughter in daycare is teaching her a lot of new things and it gives me my space to finish school and have a better future. My daughter has learned so much, she is counting, singing the ABC's and other songs while learning. The first time I came to the program, she was scared but now she speaks more and is very happy to be in school. The parenting classes teaches us a lot of new things we don't know and help us educate our kids who will also have a better.

If I did not have this program I would be home on the sofa with my daughter not learning anything. I would recommend this program to all my friends that have not finished school or need to learn English for them to have the opportunity am having for a better future.