Torrington

Office of Early Childhood

Connecticut Even Start

A Family Learning Program

Torrington Even Start

Written Testimony of Paola Arias
Parent, Torrington Even Start Program
Appropriations Committee
February 16, 2016

Dear Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. My name is Paola Arias. I am a Torrington Even Start parent. Even Start is a family learning program that provides comprehensive family-centered education programs to improve children's academic success and to increase parents' economic opportunities.

I am writing to urge you to reinstate funding for the Even Start Program line item in the Office of Early Childhood budget to support local two generation learning.

In my community, the Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative in Partnership with the Torrington Public Schools, received $146,952.67 from this line item which was leveraged and matched resulting in more than $150,000 to support creating healthy outcomes for families with young children and paving a way to higher education and careers.

As a parent in the Even Start Program, see attachment

Sincerely,

Paola Arias

Febrero 11, 2016

Buenos Dias

mi nombre es Paola Arias
soy Estudiante queremos darle
Las gracia al personal por apoyarnos
En el programa Event start.
la cual me Siento agradecida
por Las oportunidad que
ofrece del programa con fasilidad
de aprender ingles y el apollo
para los niños que tambien
Le brinda La oportunidad de
relacionalcer con los de más
niños. gracia por existir
Event start.

Paola Arias.