



A Family Learning Program

Torrington Even Start

Written Testimony of Paloma Avelino
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 Paloma Avelino. 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,


Paloma Avelino

My name is Paloma Avelino, by program Even start.

February, 11, 2016

Maybe not exist words enough and significant that allow me thank you with justice, with due deserve. your help and support your were for me priceless value, but it is all that remains me. Just me can express through the mere words limitation, And with them you pay this Humble but sincerely, Hemaage.

Thank you so much! with all the caring heart and I will thank you. And the rest of my life you will thank this program in teaching with can teach. How Best to be mother is teach How to give reading with our son.

I also to care for my son for I going to ~~classes~~ English classes.

Very same heart of thanks. ♥️

Paloma Avelino
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