



A Family Learning Program

Written Testimony of Tammy Brown
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Dear members of the Appropriations Committee,

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

As a parent in the Even Start Program, I am pleased with this opportunity to be part of the program. I been in Adult Ed for a few years now and it was so hard to finish without support. I had no transportation, no money for daycare, no one to support me or babysit to better myself and I felt I would never make it. I would cry and pray to God that everything would work out so I enrolled myself in school and I got the opportunity to be part of the Even Start program.

Even Start supports me mentally and physically. I have the support I need from the students and teachers. My child's self-esteem wasn't good and my teacher from Even Start gave me information and talked to me about self-esteem for my older children. I learned how to teach my son in so many different ways. My youngest son is 20 months old and he now knows how to count to three and ABC. My son expresses himself by pointing at things like colors and pictures on the books. Even Start makes it so easy to get books to teach my son to read. Because of Even Start now I have the opportunity for my son to learn and get ready for pre-K. I have learned so much from Even Start like how to connect with my child and help with my education so I can educate my child. Even Start has transportation, the transportation has helped me so much. It took a worry off and now I don't have to worry about how am going to get to school. I am pleased how Even Start has helped my life. Now I am going to finish school and have a certificate as a nurse assistance. Thanks to the Even Start program now I can better myself and be a better mother.