



A Family Learning Program

Torrington Even Start

Written Testimony of Ana Castillo
Parent, Torrington Even Start Program
Appropriations Committee
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Dear Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. My name is Ana Castillo. 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,

Ana Castillo

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yo me llamo

Ava Castillo

y soy parte de este programa de
even star

educative y quisiera seguir contando
con este programa de ayuda educativa
y con todas las personas que somos
y formamos parte de este programa
que nos brindan esta ayuda

y gracias a todas las personas que
ase este programa y quisiera seguir
contando con su ayuda educativa

gracias a todos del programa
even star.