



A Family Learning Program

Written Testimony of Starr Davis
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Dear members of the Appropriations Committee,

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

The Even Start program is helping my son build his confidence and it provides education and transportation for myself and other fellow mates who attend school with me. The other schools I try to sign myself up for did not provide daycare and transportation. I also did not have to put my son on a waiting list to attend school to better myself as a single parent. Having the transportation I don't have to worry about how am going to get to school.

When my son first attended Even Start he barely knew how to walk or say words. He is now walking and learning to say more words. My kid been going to Even Start program since September and he is more advance than what he is supposed to be at the age that he is now. By me attending the program I have learned more things to teach my son which I did not do with my oldest because I did not have the support that I have now being part of Even Start. I been attending Even Start and it's providing more than just daycare, it's giving us of a better career for ourselves because other places aren't giving us the opportunity that this program is giving us. Also by me attending this program and having staff that actually take the time to help us, is what makes us want to attend school every day. I feel like I take this as my last shot because there is no other program that are helping me with everything. I take this program very serious because there is no other school near that is helping and proving all the services. I'm bettering myself for my future with the help of the Even Start program.