



A Family Learning Program

Torrington Even Start

Written Testimony of Laura Estrella
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 Laura Estrella. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Laura Estrella'.

Laura Estrella

Febrero, 11, 2016

A quien Corresponda, Yo Laura Estrella
le doy las gracias, por los beneficios
que nos brindan en Even start, porque
nos da la oportunidad de aprender ingles
Y nos dan el cuidado para mis pequeños
el cual me gusta porque mi hijo se
a desarrollado mas en interactuar más
con las personas y el pasa muy contento.


Atentamente