



A Family Learning Program

Torrington Even Start

Written Testimony of Blanca Magallon
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 Blanca Magallon. 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 black ink, appearing to read 'Blanca Magallon', written in a cursive style.

Blanca Magallon

2-11-2016

Hola mi nombre es Blanca Magallon
me siento contenta con este
programa porque nos enseñan
a ser mejores padres,
y dos de mis hijos lo utilizan.
Les ~~aservido~~ muchísimo están mejorando
me gustaría que siguieran con tinuando
que no lo quiten,
Gracias a todas las personas que hacen
que funcionen estos programas.

Atentamente: 