

Testimony regarding: S.B. No. 934 AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL

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Good afternoon Sen. McCrory, Rep. Sanchez, and members of the Education Committee. My name is christine valdez, and I live in Madison.

I am honored to be presenting testimony on the issue of S.B. No. 934 AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL.

This is an issue that is very important to me. I am a School Social Worker at Middletown Adult Education where we are fortunate enough to have high school completion, ESL and an Even Start dual generational learning program. I have seen multiple graduation success stories over my ten years in this capacity that come to an end when their time with us is over. They can not continue their education without Care For Kids being available to attend college or other training programs.

Families continue to remain on state support because they can not make enough money to support their families without more training or education beyond high school.

This is an issue that will impact the educational well-being and future of Connecticut's young children, and requires immediate action. More families will be off state assistance.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify about S.B. No. 934 AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE CARE4KIDS PROGRAM TO PARENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER TYPES OF SCHOOL. Thank you for your consideration.