

February 12, 2020

My name is Jachela Hassan. I was sixteen years old when I had my first child. At that time, I lived with my grandmother. I was not approved for Care 4 kids because my grandmother was retired.

I had another child in January 2019. I applied for Care 4 Kids and it was denied because I attend Porter and Chester Institute. This is not fair because twice I was denied. I am trying to better myself and I still can't get approved from Care 4 Kids.

My daughter attended the Elizabeth Celotto Child Care Center until she transitioned to preschool, Student Parenting and Family Services is in New Haven located at Wilbur Cross High School.

Currently my son attends the center. This child care center is an Early Head Start program and they partner with the United Way of Greater New Haven.

I am in support of the carve out funding that helps families enrolled in EHJS partners, like Celotto. Without Celotto I wouldn't be in school to further my education and eventually work full time. The center helped make a difference in both of my children's lives to with the access to all the services I received at the center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jachela Hassan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Jachela Hassan