

February 13, 2020

Dear Senator Osten, Representative Walker and members of the Committee,

My name is Daniela Carranza and I live in West Haven.

My child is enrolled in Ana's Daycare with All Our Kin, a partner agency with United Way of Greater New Haven's Early Head Start Child Care Partnership.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership funds in the Governor's budget.

As a member of the Early Head Start Policy Council, I see how this funding is being spent by the program to provide services children and families. I review program reports and budgets during Policy Council meetings.

I also know how this program has helped my family. This program has helped my family continue our education and be able to work. I didn't know about All Our Kin after I had my daughter and stayed at home to watch her for a full year and lost a lot of work opportunities. Now both of my children are enrolled, but unfortunately only 26 slots isn't enough. This a city of over 7,000 people who have children and need help with childcare. Parents who are working are not the only ones that need this help, parents who are trying to finish school need this support as well. I think we need continue to put more money where it's needed, in childcare and think about what requirements are really needed in order to receive this help.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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