

1. Name:

Gladys Contreras

2. Email:

3. Town *

Stamford

4. I am a: *

Please select at most 2

☐ Parent

☒ Childcare Provider

☒ Early Childhood Educator

☐ Community Organization

☐ Employer

☐ Advocate

☐ Other

5. Type or paste your Testimony here: *

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of increased funding for Care4kids. I am a Childcare Provider in Stamford, CT and I currently care for 2 children whose families cannot afford full tuition. I accept whatever they can pay so they can keep working and their children can stay in a safe and educational environment.

I am not alone, many providers are doing the same, helping families at our own financial risk because Care4kids does not have enough funding. The long waiting list puts parents, children and providers in impossible situations. Parents may have to reduce work hours or leave their jobs and children miss out on stable early learning.

Care4kids is essential for keeping families working and children thriving. I respectfully urge you to increase funding so eligible families can receive assistance without long delays.

Thank you so much!

Gladys Contreras

Shiny Rocks Daycare

Stamford, CT