

Parent Child Centers 2019 Public Hearing – Springfield
Vermont House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
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I am the child care director at PlayWorks within the Springfield Area Parent Child Center. My first experience with the PCC was as a foster parent. My daughter was born addicted to many drugs and was struggling to gain weight. I was able to have the CIS nurse come to my home to help us for the first few weeks. Since then she has come monthly to track any developmental delays.

As the child care director it drives me crazy that I can not pay all of our staff a living wage. We have many employees who are passionate about teaching children and helping families all while they struggle financially. We keep putting more and more educational requirements on our staff while not being able to offer them a fair wage.

I encourage our state legislators to support the current Parent Child Center Network agenda for an \$8 million dollar increase to the PCC Master Grant over the next 3 years; starting this year with \$1.5 million for the Master Grant and \$1.5 million in one time funding for needed capital improvements.

Thank you for your time,

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