

**SAVE THE
DATE**

Monday, April 19th

Join other Providers and Have Your Voices Heard

Want to Tell Local Lawmakers about Early Education and How to Improve Your Profession?

Over the past few years, we've all been affected by cutbacks by the state: they eliminated the equipment grants that allowed us to furnish our learning centers, they've reduced training reimbursements, and most recently, made changes to the STARS program. Now state legislators are considering:

- A three percent cut to all early childhood services
- Eliminating the Starting Points grants that offers training and professional development for educators
- Removing or shutting down local resource and referral agencies in our communities and centralizing the professional supports in a phone bank—away from parents and providers who need it most

We are already navigating an early education system that is underfunded, and that offers fewer resources. These cuts will only harm the ones we promise to protect: children.

As early educators, it's up to us to come together to make our voice heard.

Enough is Enough! No more cuts to Early Education!



“This is great chance to talk to our local Representatives about our thoughts and concerns around the upcoming budget cuts, why we are looking to join together as a union, and existing or upcoming constraints to our ability to provide high quality care.”

-Lynette Martin
Director,
Hunger Mountain Children's

Join Us!

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at the

**Hunger Mountain
Children's Center**

(123 South Main Street, Waterbury)

6pm

**Representatives Tom Stevens
and Sue Minter will be there to
listen to you.**



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