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## Care4Kids Forum on WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7 Looks at Devastating Hit to Connecticut Economy

**WHAT:** Roundtable Forum: “The Economic Impact of Child Care and the Care4Kids Program”

**WHY:** Care4Kids is a vital revenue stream for children and their families, as well as Connecticut’s early childhood education industry. Cuts to -- and other restrictions on -- direct spending for Care4Kids significantly weaken both access to care and the childcare industry itself. Join this forum to learn about the ripple effects throughout the state’s entire economic infrastructure.

**WHEN:** Wed. Dec. 7; 10 a.m.-12 noon

**WHERE:** LOB, Room 2-B

**WHO:** Speakers include:

Merrill Gay, *Executive Dir., Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance*

Steven Hernandez, *Executive Dir., Commission on Women, Children and Seniors*

Rep. Catherine Abercrombie, *State Representative, Meriden*

Rep. Whit Betts, *State Representative, Bristol*

Rep. Devin Carney, *State Representative, Old Saybrook*

Rep. Christopher Rosario, *State Representative, Bridgeport*

Stanley McMillen, PhD, *Visiting Professor of Economics, Trinity College*

Gerry Pastor, *Educational Playcare, President, Founder of CT Child Care Assoc.*

Tracey Madden-Hennessey, *Associate Dir., YWCA, New Britain – School Readiness*

David Wasch, *Legislative Liaison/ECE Program Specialist, CHEFA*

(Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority)

Jessica Sager, *Co-Founder and Executive Dir., All Our Kin – Family Child Care*

Natasha Auguste-Williams, *Family Child Care Provider, Bridgeport*

John Cattelan, *Executive Dir., CT Alliance of YMCAs – Summer Programs*

Georgia Goldburn, *Executive Dir., HOPE Child Development Center*

Shadae Evans, *parent, HOPE Child Development Center, New Haven*

Kim Oliver, *Dir., Dept. of Children, Youth, Families and Recreation, City of Hartford*