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**Governor’s Budget Proposal Holds Promise
for Early Childhood Educators, Yet Questions Remain**

(New Haven) – *In response to today’s budget address from Governor Ned Lamont, Jessica Sager, CEO of All Our Kin, released the following statement:*

“Today we heard plans to bolster educational access across the state of Connecticut. We applaud the Governor’s proposed multi-million dollar investment to increase affordability and opportunity, and note that it is critical to consider initiatives that will foster high quality early childhood education for *all* families.

“This includes our littlest learners, including those who attend home-based child care programs. The earliest months and years are critical to a child’s development. Expanding access to affordable Pre-K and preschool spaces can remove barriers to care for Connecticut’s most overburdened families, and investing in special education is a win-win. But we must ensure that infants and toddlers are part of the state’s equation, and remove any potential barriers for family child care educators to be part of any newly subsidized programs.

“Every child deserves to grow and learn, and they do this in diverse settings. Given that the Connecticut leaders have been proponents of family child care, we strongly encourage the Governor, legislature and Office of Early Childhood to remember infants and toddlers as they work toward truly equitable educational solutions.”

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***All Our Kin** is a national nonprofit organization that trains, supports and sustains family child care educators. Through All Our Kin's programming, educators build sustainable child care businesses, parents have access to stable, high-quality childcare, and children gain the educational foundation that lays the groundwork for success in school and life.*