



## **Legislator Tours Wallingford Community Day Care Center**

Rep. Elizabeth Esty, who serves the 103<sup>rd</sup> District of Cheshire, Hamden and Wallingford, joined Kathy Queen, Director of the Wallingford Community Day Care Center and Ann Pratt, Executive Director of the CT Early Childhood Alliance, for a tour of the early learning program on January 20.

The tour, organized by the CT Early Childhood Alliance, a non-profit advocacy group in Hartford, gave Rep. Esty the opportunity to experience quality early learning in action and a chance to talk to the staff about challenges they face in early care and education.

Ms. Queen spoke to Rep. Esty about the on-going funding challenges facing the program and emphasized the urgent need to sustain local and state child care subsidies for parents, particularly in this economic downturn.

Wallingford Community Day Care Center serves 24 infants and toddlers, 50 preschoolers, and 30 school age kids and is open to parents and children year-round. The center is licensed by the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and has earned the Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation by the National Association for the Education for Young Children (NAEYC).