



Legislator Tours Goodwin Early Education Program

House Majority Leader Rep. Denise Merrill (D-Mansfield) joined Elizabeth Aschenbrenner, Director of Early Childhood Initiatives for EASTCONN; Ann Pratt, Executive Director of the CT Early Childhood Alliance; Dorothy C. Goodwin Elementary School Principal Debra Adamczyk and early education staff for a tour of the early learning program at Goodwin on Jan. 14. The tour, organized by the CT Early Childhood Alliance, a non-profit advocacy group in Hartford, gave Rep. Merrill 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. Merrill has represented the 54th Assembly District of Chaplin and Mansfield since 1993. Goodwin Elementary School is in Storrs.

Legislator Tours Bloomfield Early Learning Center

Senator Jonathan Harris, who serves the 5th Senatorial District of West Hartford, Bloomfield, Burlington and Farmington, visited Bloomfield Early Learning Center (BELC) on Jan. 15.

The tour, organized by the CT Early Childhood Alliance, a non-profit advocacy organization in Hartford, served to highlight quality early learning programs and allow Sen. Harris to hear directly from the staff about challenges they face in early care and education.

BELC is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which means it must meet all 10 program standards of the NAEYC Early Childhood Program. Providing quality care and education for children since 1973, BELC offers year-round operation and serves children ages 3-4. Its preschool program is designed to meet the developmental needs of 3- and 4-year-old children. Using the High/Scope Perry Preschool philosophy, children experience active learning, positive adult-child interaction, a rich learning environment, consistent daily routine and on-going assessment. The center serves 85 children.