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Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance Names Rep. Dan Fox a Children's Champion

The Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance recognized State Representative **Dan Fox** (D-Stamford) for making Connecticut's young children and their families a priority this session.

"Studies continue to show the benefits of investing in early childhood education," said **Rep. Fox**. "It was a privilege to work on and watch important early childhood education issues succeed at the Capitol."

Each year, the Alliance seeks nominees from its membership, taking into account active assistance during the legislative session on issues that are of interest to the membership, as well as availability and access for constituents. **Rep. Fox** shaped legislation and engaged with early childhood advocates to create the most effective early childhood policy for Connecticut.

This year a State Office of Early Childhood was created, along with planning for universal access for preschool, expanding School Readiness, increasing rates for not only School Readiness, but also child development centers; and budget increases for Care4Kids and full-day, full-year rates for state-funded programs.

"For years, we've worked with legislators to make early childhood a priority issue, both at the Capitol and in the districts, and we're seeing results of that work," said Karen Rainville, CT Early Childhood Alliance co-chair and the executive director of CT Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC). "The Children's Champions stepped up this year for their youngest constituents."