

# Community College *of* Philadelphia

Innovations for Economic Recovery: Childcare and College Students

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Thank you Chair Muth, Senators Collet, Cappelletti, Schwank and Comitta for hosting this hearing and bringing attention to the important issue of the challenges facing students and staff at institutions of higher education surrounding childcare.

My name is May Yagham and I am a student at Community College of Philadelphia (CCP) studying healthcare and a mother of 4. Ever since I started college, I struggled to find childcare that I could afford. The stress of finding childcare caused mental, emotional and financial pressure so eventually I became very close to dropping out and giving up on my dream of getting a college degree, that is, until I heard about this amazing program at CCP called CCAMPIS.

CCAMPIS helped by paying for childcare for my children, and the administrators of the program helped me find facilities of my choice close to my home. I can now drop my children off to the childcare center on the way to class and pick them up on the way home. Thanks to this program, I am in a better place academically, emotionally, and free from the stress of finding a daycare or someone to babysit for me every time I have class. Thanks to CCAMPIS I can focus on my education without worry.

I am forever grateful to the CCAMPIS program administrators for helping me make my dream come true. I never could have come this far without them.

Thank you all for consideration of my testimony.