

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE JAMES P. MCGOVERN (D-MA)

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Jim McGovern was sworn-in as U.S. Representative for Massachusetts' 3rd Congressional District on January 7, 1997, and has been elected by his New England colleagues to the House Democratic Leadership team as a Regional Whip. McGovern is a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which oversees the nation's highway and airport system. He was subsequently appointed to two prestigious Transportation subcommittees -- the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

Before his election to Congress, the 38-year-old McGovern spent fourteen years working for U.S. Representative John Joseph Moakley (D-South Boston), dean of the Massachusetts delegation and ranking Democrat on the House Rules Committee. While working as Moakley's senior aide, McGovern effectively advocated educational initiatives, helped protect Medicare and Social Security, and successfully encouraged biotechnology industries to locate in Massachusetts.

McGovern has also earned a strong reputation as a champion of human rights. In 1989, McGovern was chosen by Congressman Moakley to lead a Congressional investigation into the murders of six Jesuit priests and two lay women in El Salvador. The findings of this effort were later confirmed by the United Nations, and resulted in ranking members of the Salvadoran high command -- including its Minister of Defense -- being implicated in the murders. As a result, Congress terminated military aid to El Salvador.

Jim McGovern was born on November 20, 1959, in Worcester, the son of two successful small business owners. His two sisters are elementary school teachers in Worcester's public school system.

McGovern earned his Bachelor of Arts ('81) and Masters of Public Administration ('84) degrees from The American University, working his way through college by serving as an aide in the office of U.S. Senator George McGovern (D-SD). He went on to manage Senator McGovern's 1984 Presidential campaign in Massachusetts, and delivered his nomination speech during the 1984 Democratic National Convention in San Francisco.

Jim McGovern has worked as a volunteer for the Mt. Carmel House -- an emergency shelter for battered and abused women that is administered by the Carmelite Sisters. He is also a member of the Jesuit International Volunteers Board of Directors.

Jim is married to Lisa Murray McGovern, a Congressional Relations Officer for the General Services Administration. In 1995, Lisa McGovern was named as an alternative member of the President's Interagency Council on Women. The McGoverns have a son, Patrick George.

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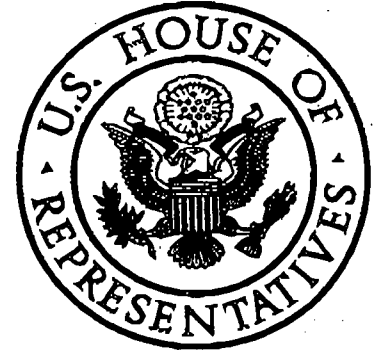
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REMARKS OF U.S. REP JIM MCGOVERN
EARLY CHILDHOOD EVENT WITH
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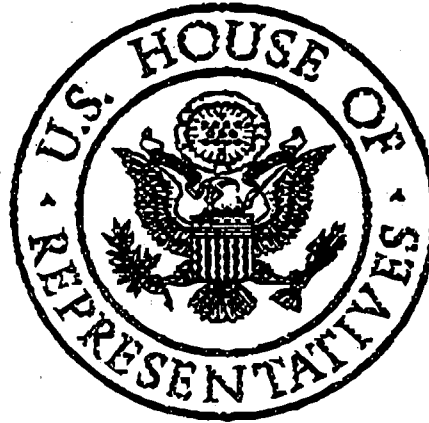
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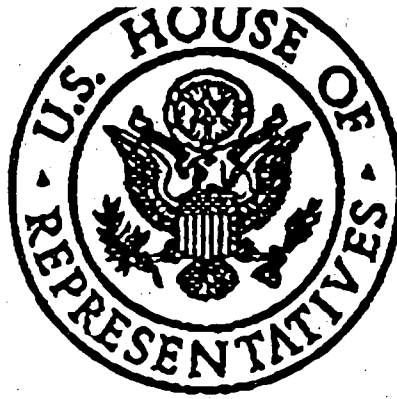
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Jennifer L. Klein
Special Assistant To The President
The White House
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By fax to: 202.456.2878 ATTENTION: Wendy

Dear Ms. Klein:

This letter is an invitation for Mrs. Clinton to visit the Hyman Fine School in Attleboro, Massachusetts with Congressman McGovern between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 1998.

This early childhood education program could include reading a story or a short activity with preschoolers in the Project Connect Young Children's Community Center (YCCC), followed by a session with birth-to-three children, their parents, and their Parent Educator. Mrs. Clinton and Congressman McGovern might then address and answer questions from approximately 400 parents, teachers and other invited guests in the Hyman Fine auditorium.

The Attleboro Public School System's Project Connect is a unique early childhood initiative funded through competitive grants from the Massachusetts Department of Education.

The mission of Project Connect is to provide high quality, comprehensive, equitable services and programs to all children (birth through five years and their families) regardless of special needs, low income, homelessness, limited English speaking, abuse or neglect. These services include a child care subsidy for working families and preschool programming.

Jennifer L. Klein
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Project Connect is a nationally acclaimed model of effective collaboration between the public and private sectors of the early childhood community. The New York based Child Care Action Campaign (CCAC) selected Project Connect as an outstanding model of a "dynamic early childhood/public school partnership."

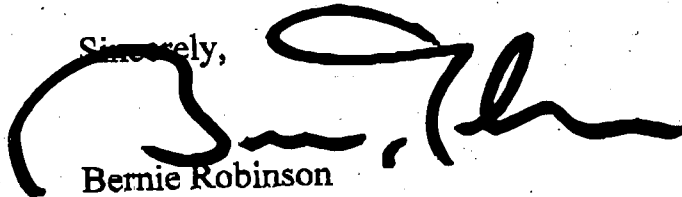
Project Connect includes The Family Network and Parents as Teachers programs. These services are offered free to all Attleboro families with children from birth to three years. Home visits made by certified parent educators, infant / toddler play groups and parenting programs are the focus of this initiative.

The Young Children's Community Center is another aspect of Project Connect, offering high quality early childhood programming. Once again the family is the focus. Parent workshops and a lending library of parenting materials are central to this program.

One highlight of Project Connect's success? Yvonne was one mother who attended the parenting classes presented by Project Connect at the homeless shelter. There Yvonne learned to improve her parenting skills and also discovered that she had a special skill in working with children. Yvonne attended a local college, completed her Child Development classes and now works in a Project Connect day care program. She also benefited from subsidized day care while in school.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this invitation.

Sincerely,



Bernie Robinson
Chief of Staff

cc: Diane Dewhirst (by fax: 202.456.5340)

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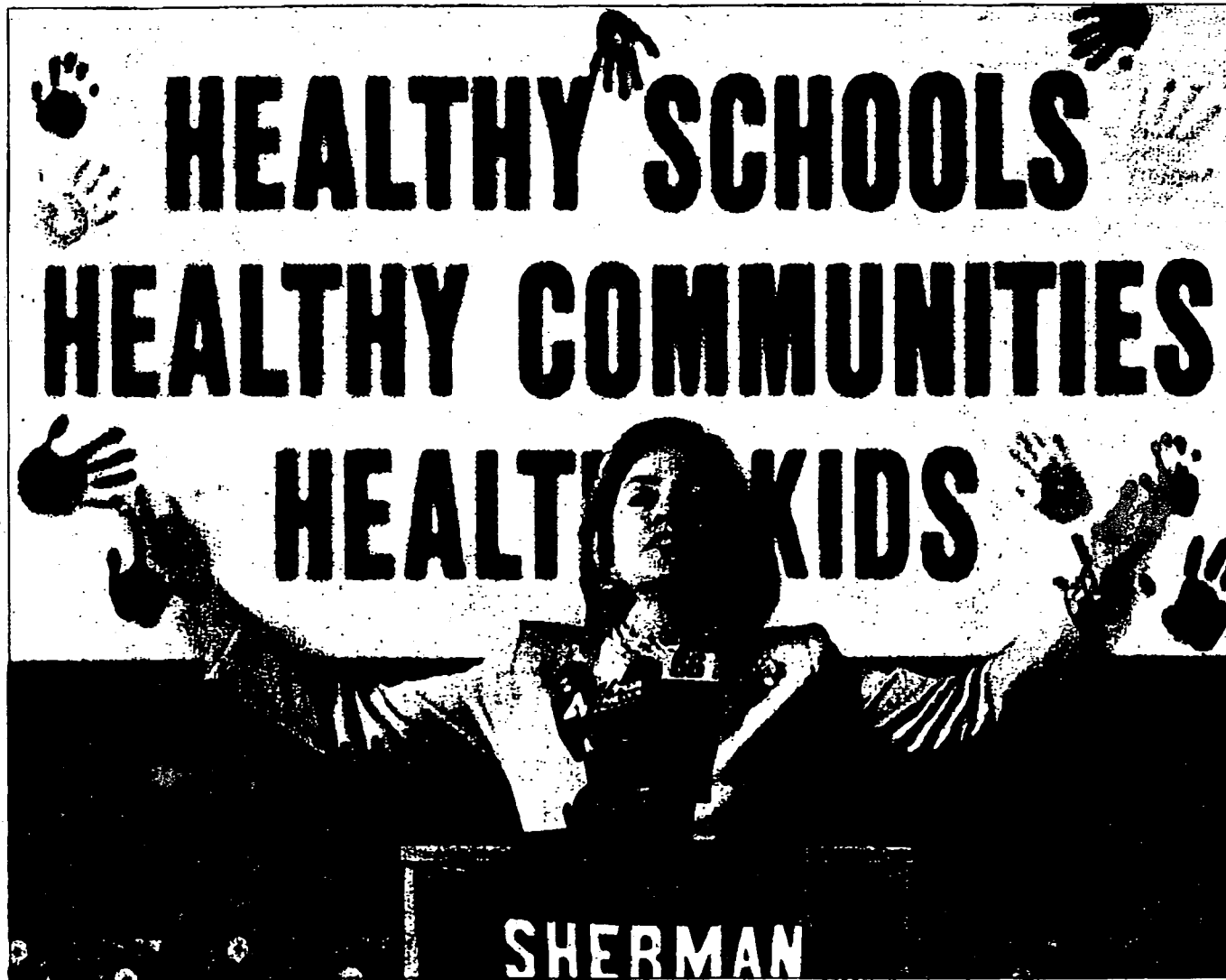
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First lady coming to city



Speaking to students

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks to students at the Sherman Elementary School in San Francisco. Mrs. Clinton used Tuesday's visit to campaign for U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer of California

and to promote the Children's Environmental Protection Act, which would set tougher standards for pollutants at the nation's schools and playgrounds.

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Innovation in schools to be topic

BY JIM HAND
SUN CHRONICLE STAFF

ATTLEBORO — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will visit Attleboro June 4 to highlight some of the city's services for young children.

Clinton is attending at the invitation of U.S. Rep. James McGovern, D-Worcester, who has aligned himself with President and Mrs. Clinton on several early childhood issues.

The first lady was originally scheduled to visit Attleboro last winter, but postponed the trip because she had to attend a conference in Switzerland.

A spokesman for McGovern, who represents the Attleboro area, said Mrs. Clinton will visit Fine Elementary School during her Attleboro stay to look at the services offered by Project Connect.

Project Connect is a grant-supported agency that provides a number of services for parents and pre-school children. Initiated by former Superintendent Joseph Rappa, it offers forums on parental issues, with experts speaking on subjects such as discipline, nutrition and how to pick a day-care center.

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Project Connect operates a "Parents as Teachers" program, which sends teachers into the homes of children age 3 and under to talk to parents about developmental issues. It also has a drop-in center on Park Street, which has play groups for young children.

Project Connect deals with many of the issues Mrs. Clinton speaks about during her appearances across the country. She has visited Parents As Teachers programs in other parts of the country.

McGovern said he wanted the

First Lady to come to Attleboro so he could show off and brag about the progressive ways the city is dealing with early childhood issues. He said Attleboro public schools have a unique partnership with day-care providers and parents that should receive national attention so it can become a model for other communities.

"I wanted her to come because there are some exciting things going on in Attleboro as far as child care and child development," he said.

The first lady's visit also comes in the midst of McGovern's campaign for re-election to the

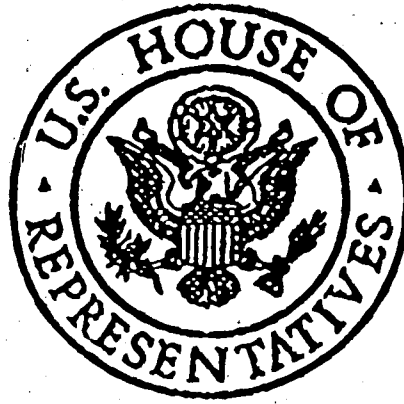
House. He is being challenged by state Sen. Matthew Amorello, R-Grafton.

Mrs. Clinton is tentatively scheduled to visit between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on June 4.

When she leaves Attleboro, Mrs. Clinton will head to Cambridge to speak at Harvard Medical School.

Mrs. Clinton was on a similar trip Tuesday, visiting an elementary school in San Francisco to talk about proposed pollution standards in schools and playgrounds while campaigning for Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer of California.

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Mrs. Clinton, who has made will visit the Hyman Fine School, a public Attleboro elementary school which houses one component of Project Connect. The Attleboro Public School System is a partner in the public/private Project Connect partnership.

Rep. McGovern has been a strong supporter of President and Mrs. Clinton's efforts in the areas of child care, early learning and childhood development.

WHAT: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to visit Attleboro.

WHEN: Thursday, June 4, 1998 (time TBA).

**WHERE: Hyman Fine Elementary School
Attleboro, MA**

Child Care and Cong. Jim McGovern

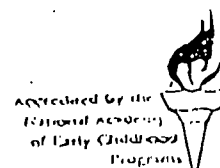
- Cong. McGovern has been a strong and outspoken advocate on behalf of President Clinton's Child Care initiative, announced in January 1998, including support for using a portion of the revenues that may be available through comprehensive tobacco legislation for child care and after-school initiatives. As recently as May 7, 1998, Cong. McGovern spoke on the floor of the House about the importance of Congress acting this year to insure that the President's early childhood and child care initiatives are enacted into law.
- Affirming and increasing his motivation to work on early childhood and child care issues, Cong. McGovern and his wife gave birth to their first child, Patrick George McGovern, on April 21, 1998. This has also greatly increased his appreciation for the challenges confronting all parents!
- April 4, 1998: Addressed and opened the Early Childhood Conference held in Worcester, MA and organized by the Worcester Area Association for the Education of Young Children and the Massachusetts Association of Day Care Agencies. McGovern addressed the over 300 professional child care and early education professionals and stressed the importance of federal, state and local partnerships to benefit all children and families in need of these services.
- April 1997, Cong. McGovern, DeLauro and Hoyer introduced H.R. 1373, *The Early Learning and Opportunity Act*, which supports families in giving young children what they need to develop in normal, healthy ways. McGovern's legislation invests more in the Early Head Start program for ages 0-to-3, expands the Family and Medical Leave Act, and provides flexible, competitive grants for states to improve the quality of care for very young children. The McGovern-DeLauro-Hoyer bill more than doubles funding for the Early Start program and helped build support and momentum for President Clinton's January 1998 proposal to put \$3.4 billion over five years into Head Start and Early Start.
- November 1997: Cong. McGovern lobbied successfully to secure \$114 million in additional funding (above the request made by President Clinton) for key early childhood development and child care programs as part of the fiscal year 1998 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill. The Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill included \$50 million for states to improve the quality of care for children aged zero-to-three through the Child Care and Development Block Grant. The spending measure also included \$64 million in additional funding for the Early Start program, the division of the Head Start program geared specifically to children three years and younger. McGovern worked closely with Representatives DeLauro (D-CT) and Hoyer (D-MD) and with Senator Harkin (D-IA) to press the conferees to include the increases in the final conference version of the FY1998 bill.
- November 1997: Cong. McGovern, DeLauro (D-CT) and Morella (R-MD) introduced H.R. 2713, *the Early Learning Opportunity State Grants Act of 1998*, which would provide flexible, competitive grants to states to strengthen and enhance early childhood development programs and family support services. This bipartisan legislation served as the model for President Clinton's proposed \$3 billion "Early Learning Fund" to improve the quality of care for infants, toddlers and preschools, which is part of the President's historic initiative on child care announced in January 1998.

- November 1, 1997: Cong. McGovern more than 100 Massachusetts health and education professionals, government officials, and children's advocates at an Early Childhood Development Conference in Worcester, Massachusetts. The forum facilitated district- and state-wide networking among professionals, while sharing and increasing information on resources and recent scientific findings.
- October 1997: With colleagues DeLauro and Hoyer, Cong. McGovern met with Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala to argue forcefully for more funding for early childhood development and child care programs, encouraging Secretary Shalala to urge President Clinton to make these issues a central element of his 1998 State of the Union address.
- October 1997: Participated in the White House Conference on Child Care.
- October 6, 1997: Cong. McGovern hosted the first-ever Massachusetts Child Health Day in Boston, which drew attention to successes and ongoing gaps in providing for the health and development of Massachusetts children. At that event, McGovern's Early Childhood Development Task Force released a "Progress Report" on kid's health and development in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- September 1997: Cong. McGovern and Cong. Porter (R-IL) hosted a luncheon for more than 100 Members of Congress, child care and early childhood development professionals, and children's health professionals as part of a month-long focus on Children's Health.
- As demonstrated in his own legislation, Cong. McGovern has always been an outspoken advocate on behalf of funding fully the Head Start program, which provides important educational, health, nutritional and social services to primarily modest-income children and their families.
- May 1997: Joining Cong. Waxman (D-CA) as an original cosponsor, Cong. McGovern introduced H.R. 1636, the *Children's Environmental Protection and Right to Know Act of 1997*, to ensure that parents, communities and businesses have the right-to-know about the toxic chemicals in their neighborhoods and toxic ingredients in household products with which their children may come into contact. The bill currently has 142 Republican and Democratic cosponsors.
- Cong. McGovern agrees with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton that it takes a village to raise our children well, and that federal support for a wide variety of issues also helps secure the safety, well-being and healthy development of America's children. Cong. McGovern has worked closely with his senior colleagues and is a leader among the freshman class in the areas of increasing training and wages for child care providers; increased funding and programs for family support services and early parenting skills; securing federal funding for school construction and modernization; supporting federal funding for K-through-12 public education; and supported legislation and grassroots campaigns against drugs, alcohol and tobacco use and abuse, especially by young people and young parents.

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COMMENTS: I hope this information regarding Project Connect (pages 2 through 10) and the Hyman Fine School (pages 11 and 12) are useful to you.

Please call me, or fax me, if I can be of further assistance.

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Project Connect is a state funded grant program administered through the Attleboro Public Schools. Project Connect strives to serve young children (ages 3, 4 and 5) and their families by linking them with comprehensive, quality, and flexible preschool/daycare education and parenting support. Participating agencies in our program:

Attleboro Public Schools:

Young Children's Community Center

Young Children's Community Center Extension

Busy Bees Learning Center, Inc.

For Pete's Sake Preschool

Greater Attleboro Community Day Care Services:

Markman Day Care Center

Markman Day Care Expansion Program

Jack and Jill School

Self Help, Inc. - Head Start

Sneakers Preschool at the Attleboro YMCA

and selected family daycare providers

We believe that all children, including those considered special needs, low income, homeless, limited English speaking, victims of abuse and neglect, etc., are entitled to quality services regardless of their family's ability to pay. Consequently, we offer a sliding fee scale according to family income for preschool and day care services.

Recognizing the role of parents as their child's first teacher and the importance of parental involvement in their child's education, our parent program encompasses several components. Parent training takes the form of "Parent Connection" sessions. These sessions are open to the public and held in various sites, day and evening, with limited childcare usually available.

In addition, our Project Connect, Family Network and Parents As Teachers programs offer free services to all Attleboro families with children from birth to 3. Certified parent educators, trained in child development, provide practical and effective support through monthly home visits. Infant/toddler playgroups, and parenting workshops are offered at the Project Connect Family Network Center.

Another unique and valuable feature of our program includes mini lending library resources available to all Attleboro residents and housed at the various Project Connect sites. These resources include children's books, games, and videos as well as books and videos on parenting for adults.

Enrollment in Project Connect programs continues throughout the school year given the availability of openings. For more information, call (508) 223-3244.

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PROJECT CONNECT**A PUBLIC / PRIVATE EARLY CHILDHOOD PARTNERSHIP
1997/98 PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Project Connect has provided funding for the following:

1. Part Day Preschool Programs - low income, at risk families - 125 preschoolers served
2. Childcare Subsidy for Working Families - 3, 4, and 5 year olds, state income guidelines - 68 income eligible families served
3. Assistance for Accreditation - (by National Association for the Education of Young Children) - 11 Attleboro centers
4. Assistance for CDA (Child Development Associate) Credentials - 15 individuals have received CDA credentials, 36 are currently in the program
5. Developmentally Appropriately Materials and Equipment - for participating centers, agencies, and family daycare providers
6. Cross Agency Training - 632 early childhood educators attended staff training
7. Action Support Team (educational/behavioral consultants) - 265 consultant visits, 2,045 consulting hours

PROJECT CONNECT
1997/98 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

8. **Parenting Workshops and Support Groups**
584 adults, 100 children in attendance
9. **Story Hours** - 36 story hours, 252 children, 180 adults
10. **Lending Libraries** - 2 large libraries and mini libraries at each participating center. Libraries contain parenting materials (books, articles, videos, etc.), age appropriate children's books, manipulatives, games, toys, etc., and developmentally appropriate supplies and materials for early childhood educators.
11. **Family Network Center** - children birth - 3 and their families - 137 children and families served
12. **Parents As Teachers** - home visiting program for children birth-3 and their families - 196 children and families served
13. **Childcare** - offered in conjunction with adult education and parenting workshops - 250 hours
14. **Transportation** - for parents and children to attend special programs - 198 cab vouchers

PROJECT CONNECT

ATTLEBORO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SERVICES
(Funded by Massachusetts Department of Education)

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u># of children directly served</u>	<u># attending Parent Connection Parent Support meetings</u>
87/88	Chapter 188	\$ 90,000	60	50
88/89	Chapter 188	90,000	60	78
89/90	Chapter 188	68,253	60	40
90/91	Chapter 188	66,143	60	48
91/92	Chapter 188	66,143	60	66
92/93	Chapter 188	79,957	60	187
(1/93)	Community Partnerships for Children	<u>157,500</u>	<u>73</u>	
		237,457	133	
93/94	Ch. 188/C.P.C.(combined)	237,097	148	439
94/95	Community Partnerships for Children	237,097	145	454
95/96	Community Partnerships for Children	237,097	145	227
(1/96)	C.P.C. Expansion	<u>167,400</u>	<u>25</u>	
		404,497	170	
96/97	Community Partnerships for Children	237,097	130	557
	C.P.C. Expansion	200,880	76	
(1/97)	Family Network	<u>100,000</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>112</u>
		537,977	366	669
97/98	C.P.C./C.P.C. Exp I, Exp II	689,092	193	318
	Family Network	<u>150,000</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>206</u>
		839,092	526	524
	*Parent/Child Workshop/Activities		477	418



BUSY BEES
LEARNING CENTER, INC.

Early Childhood Center for
INFANT, TODDLER, PRESCHOOL
& KINDERGARTEN

209 South Main Street, Attleboro
508-222-4208

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Attleboro Working Parents

Childcare/Preschool Subsidy is Available

"PROJECT CONNECT", together with area Early Childhood Education Agencies, have received state funds to subsidize childcare for Attleboro working families.

Requirements:

- 1) Family must live in Attleboro
- 2) Child must be 3, 4 or 5 years of age (but not in Kindergarten)
- 3) Parents must work full or part-time
- 4) Families must meet state and local eligibility guidelines

Apply at any (all) of the Early Childhood Education Agencies listed in this ad
Family Childcare also available

Call "PROJECT CONNECT"
(508) 223-3244

Greater Attleboro Community
Day Care Services

95 Pine St., Attleboro, Mass
Care for INFANTS, TODDLERS and
PRESCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm
Programs include: Child Development
Program, Parent Support Group, Parenting
Classes, Family Support, and more.
A flexible program to meet your needs.
Sliding fee scale available
Call 226-5718

Greater Attleboro Community
Day Care Service

505 North Main St., Attleboro, Mass
Care for PRESCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN, and
SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Monday Day Care Center
Monday Part-Day Preschool
Kindergarten Club
School Age Enrichment

Sliding fee scale available
Call 226-8281

**JACK & JILL
SCHOOL**

ESTABLISHED 1948
at Second Congregational Church
30 Park St., Attleboro

FALL REGISTRATION
Preschool for 3, 4 & 5 year olds
morning or afternoon sessions

Activities Skills
Field Trips
Science Units
Art & Music
Pre-Kindergarten Program
Professional, experienced Staff


Call 222-4100 for further information and to arrange a classroom visit
See Booklet, Backpage

SELF-HELP, Inc. - HEAD START



is a federally funded program
providing to income eligible families
pre-school services to children ages
3-5 and comprehensive services to
the families. **226-2030**

SNEAKERS
PRESCHOOL



at the
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ATTLEBORO
YMCA

Child-Centered Curriculum

Low Weekly Rates

130 South Main St., Attleboro, Mass.
(508) 222-1110

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CONNECT**

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Attleboro Public Schools
The Young Children's Community Center

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM
SESSIONS START IN THE FALL**

Small group and home Project Connect, a new model early head
start program for children ages 3, 4, and 5. Parents receive support groups to
provide their child, a safe and fun learning environment, and children
developed at risk to attend school. If you or program based on
eligibility of child by a teacher of Attleboro.

For More Information, Call
**PROJECT CONNECT at
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MONDAY-FRIDAY - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.


**FOR PETE'S SAKE
PRESCHOOL**

30 Baltic Street, South Attleboro, Massachusetts

For Pete's Sake Preschool offers a safe and
fully-staffed preschool program for children
between 2 1/2 and 5 years of age. The program
charges 2 dollars per week.

Developmentally appropriate curriculum
activities and materials are used to meet
each child's needs.

Accredited



761-7770

The Early Childhood Community of Attleboro
salutes

"PROJECT CONNECT"

and the ATTLEBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS for our Successful Collaboration

In addition to the Childcare/Preschool Subsidy Program for Attleboro Working Families listed above, Project Connect also provides the following services to the community:

- ▶ Part-day preschool programs for low income, at-risk preschoolers at participating centers
- ▶ Developmentally appropriate materials and equipment for participating centers
- ▶ Training for teachers, assistants and family day care providers
- ▶ Parenting workshops
- ▶ Assistance for participating centers to achieve accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children - a process which promotes excellence in early childhood programming
- ▶ Parent Lending Libraries
- ▶ Behavior Specialists and Consulting Teachers to support participating centers in meeting the needs of young children
- ▶ Parent Support Groups
- ▶ Parents as Teachers - parent education regarding child development birth through three
- ▶ Early Childhood Advisory Council - a network of agencies, parents, and persons interested in early childhood
- ▶ Annual Early Childhood Conference
- ▶ Early Childhood Expo
- ▶ Summer Scholarship Fund for low income at risk preschoolers
- ▶ Resource and Referral

For More Information on Project Connect services, contact any of the agencies listed above or call Project Connect at (508) 223-3244

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Pre-School Program Sessions Start Now!

Enroll your child NOW for Project Connect, a state funded pre school program for children ages 3, 4, and 5. Priority consideration given to three year olds, children from low-income families, and children considered at risk for school success. Fees for program based on a sliding scale. Must be a resident of Attleboro

For More Information, Contact:
Lynn Schweinshaut, M. Ed.
Project Connect Coordinator

Call 223-3244 or 226-6832
Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Enscriba su niños ahora para proyecto unido, un programa pre-escolar que es fundido del estado, para niños de las edades 3, 4 & 5 años.

Prioridad sera considad para niños, de edad de 3 año, familia, de bajo recursos niños en riesgo de tener éxito en los escuela.

Para mas informacion contacte
Lynn Schweinshaut, M. Ed.
Coordinador de proyecto unido

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ATTENTION

WORKING PARENTS

Funds are available through Project Connect and the Attleboro School Department to subsidize daycare and preschool education costs for working families of 3, 4, and 5 year olds (not yet in kindergarten).

If you

- are a resident of Attleboro
- have a 3, 4, or 5 year old (not yet in kindergarten)
- are a two parent family with both parents working at least part time or are a single parent working at least part time
- have a household income of less than \$51,000 per year

you may qualify for funding.

Childcare and preschool education under this funding will be available at designated programs and family daycare settings across the community that have agreed to strive for and maintain high quality programming and are affiliated with Project Connect.

For more information ask your daycare provider, preschool director, or call Project Connect at (508) 223-3244 or 226-6832.



PROJECT CONNECT
Family Network
Parents As Teachers



(508) 226-2883

If you are the parent of a child from birth to three years old, come see what we have to offer! The Family Network Center is a place for Attleboro parents and children to come for playgroups, story hours, craft activities, and parent meetings. The Parents as Teachers Program is also available for parents who would like to meet with a parent educator each month to discuss their child's development and get information about appropriate activities. All programs are free and services are provided in English, Spanish and Khmer. Call us today to get more information.

Si usted es un parente de un niño de zero a tres anos, ben a ver que tenemos nosotros! The Family Network Center (El Centro de los Familias) es un lugar para parentes de Attleboro, y sus niños chiquitos, para actividades, cuentos, grupos de jugar, artes, y reuniones. El programa Parents as Teachers, tambien es disponible para los parentes que quiere un educador cada mes. Puede hablar sobre del desarrollo de su niño y obtener informacion de actividades apropiado. Todos los programas son gratis y los servicios esta en Engles, Español y Khmer. Llamar hoy para mas informacion.

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HYMAN FINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hyman Fine School is one of five elementary schools, three middle schools and one comprehensive high school that make up the Attleboro Public School system, with an enrollment of 6700 students.

Built in 1975, Hyman Fine School has been recognized for its outstanding architectural design and was honored with the Shirley Cooper Design Award in 1977. The school is made up of four large space settings which are especially conducive to the team teaching concept and houses students from grades one through four. Due to enrollment increases at Hyman Fine, the Briggs Corner School, built in 1906, was renovated in 1995 to provide for the overflow of students. It truly is a "little red schoolhouse", located about one-half mile away and is attended by 85 of the total Hyman Fine enrollment of 565 students.

Hyman Fine utilizes multi-year assignments (looping), where each teacher works with the same students for two years. This is a program which the Attleboro School System has found to be very successful from first through eighth grade. Educators from throughout the nation have visited Attleboro to view our looping programs.

Both our Title I and our Special Needs Resource programs implement the in-class model, hoping to more fully integrate all students into the classrooms while building their self-esteem. We also provide two third grade inclusion classrooms for students from throughout the system who have more extensive learning disabilities. Two of our primary grade teachers service children in the Reading Recovery Program, giving our lowest achieving first grade students an opportunity to gain the skills to perform in average first grade reading groups, after intensive individual instruction for 30 minutes on a daily basis for several weeks.

We are fortunate to have over 150 parent and community volunteers give more than 5000 hours in various capacities throughout the school each year. Also, our PTO sponsors a Reading Incentive Program with over 94% of the students taking part for at least one month during the year. Over 375 students will be awarded gold medals in June to recognize their participation in this program of reading at home for 20 days each month for the entire eight months. This is an extremely successful program to encourage reading for pleasure, keeping the family closely involved as well.

Using Title I funding, we hired a Parent Liaison this year, who has provided workshops, books for parents, information on local educational activities, and a Parent-to-Parent Handbook to assist those who are new to the school. She has worked closely with classroom teachers to sponsor a Family Literacy Night, a Family Math/Science Night for grades 1 & 2, a Family Science Night for grades 3 & 4, and a Family Valentine Night, in conjunction with our Kindness and Compliments Month activities.

Also at the urging of the Title I program, our School Council, made up of parents, teachers, community representatives and the principal, gathered input from their constituencies to develop a Home/School Compact which was signed by each teacher, parent, and student this spring. It signifies an agreement between the school, parents and students to work together to provide the best education for each student, which can only be accomplished with the cooperation of all.

Under the federally funded Safe and Drug Free Schools grant that was awarded to the Attleboro Schools, eight of our teachers and our adjustment counselor received training in the Open Circle Social Competency Program at Wellesley College over the past two summers. This program teaches our students how to get along with others and to work together as a small community, as well as encourages them to contribute to the larger community of Attleboro.

Using funds from the Goals 2000 grant for pre-service training and mentorships, several of the Hyman Fine teachers have been trained to serve as mentors for student teachers and for new members of our staff. This training stresses reflective practices with our present staff as well as techniques and strategies for first and second year teachers as they adjust to the field of education.

Our students also have the opportunity to attend the ABACUS program, which is a before-and-after-school day care program housed right here at our school. This makes day care more affordable and accessible to working parents, without the necessity of additional transportation for the children.