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Two-Generation Strategies: The Potential for Early Childhood Programs to Support Children and Parents Together

Connecticut's Two-Generation HB 5597: An Act Implementing Provisions of the State Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

"Sec. 198. (Effective from passage) (a) The Commission on Children shall, within available appropriations, establish a two-generational school readiness plan to promote long-term learning and economic success for low-income families by addressing intergenerational barriers to school readiness and workforce readiness with high-quality preschool, intensified workforce training and targeted education, coupled with related support services. Such plan shall include recommendations for: (1) Promoting and prioritizing access to high-quality early childhood programs for children ages birth to five years who are living at or below one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty level; (2) providing the parents of such children with (A) the opportunity to acquire their high school diplomas, (B) adult education, and (C) technical skills to increase their employability and sustainable employment; and (3) funding for implementation of the plan, including, but not limited to, use of the temporary assistance for needy families program and other federal, state and private funding.

(b) On or before December 1, 2014, the executive director of the Commission on Children shall report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, education, workforce development and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the plan."

Click here for a full copy of the bill: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2014/TOB/H/2014HB-05597-R00-HB.htm>