



## Early Learning Advocacy Day 2009

June 9, 2009

Dear Early Learning Supporter:

We are pleased to welcome you to Early Learning Advocacy Day! You are here today with supporters from across the state to celebrate the early learning movement and tell your legislators why early learning programs are an essential investment for California and the nation. It is thanks to your hard work, dedication and support that we have such strong momentum to carry us through this year and beyond.

We come together at a time when the state's economic circumstances have rarely been so dire, and our public investments in our children's health, education and well-being are in great jeopardy. However, our movement is strong, as you can see today. We are truly coming together and speaking with one strong voice for children.

During this challenging time there is so much we must do at the local, state and federal levels to promote the importance of early learning programs and continue our work to create a high-quality early learning system that serves children birth to 5. The good news is that we have a growing cadre of policymakers committed to our issue and we have on our side new federal money for early childhood education and a president who sees it as a top priority.

As efforts intensify, we hope you will continue to stay informed and involved. Thank you for bringing your voice to Sacramento and making Early Learning Advocacy Day a success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Atkin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Catherine Atkin, President  
Preschool California

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ginger Swigart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Ginger Swigart, President  
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