

Dear Governor Spitzer,

I have been the Director of Child Care Services for Mercy College Bronx Campus. This Center helps lower income moms (and occasionally a dad) attend class when they have a child care emergency. I have children from age 4 to 12 and hold both a NYS registration for Afterschool as well as a license for Day care from NYC.

In the 3 years that I have been here I have seen 90 moms and 3 dads graduate from Mercy after using our service. These parents had a total of 117 children who we helped with homework, did creative art projects, and allowed them to be children.

My goal each and everynight is to make sure that the children receive the help they need to complete their homework or projects so that the overworked parent can go home secure in the knowledge that one facet of their busy life is completed. Thus freeing them to study for their own homework.

Funding is nonexistent for in college child care centers. Please consider including College based child care centers in the budget. The money would be well spent helping New Yorkers attain a College degree.

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