

# The Connecticut General Assembly

## House Democrats



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### **REP. CATHY ABERCROMBIE LEADS CARE4KIDS WORKING GROUP**

**State Representative Cathy Abercrombie** (D-Meriden), co-chair of the legislative Human Services Committee, led a Care4Kids Working Group discussion about the looming \$33 million budget deficit the children's program is facing.

The projected cuts are partially the result of federal restructuring of benefits to the program, which is expected to cause severe financial impact to states.

"This working group was created out of legislators' desire to find solutions that will help us understand the impending financial impact families and providers will suffer across the state if the projected gap is not resolved," **Rep. Abercrombie** said.

The 2017 Legislative Session will convene on January 4 and lawmakers are trying to find ways that will help close the shortfall.

Various organizations, including local and statewide YMCAs, the CT Childcare Association, the Office of Early Childhood and providers were represented during the working group session that included lawmakers who are members of various legislative committees, including education and appropriations.

**Rep. Abercrombie** said, "Many of the families impacted by these cuts are working families that we can't afford to turn our backs on. While we don't have all the answers to this issue, we are doing everything we can to ensure that we find viable solutions to consider during the upcoming legislative session."

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