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## REP. COOK HONORED BY CHILDREN'S ORGANIZATION

**State Representative Michelle Cook** (D-Torrington) has been recognized by the State Funded Directors Forum for her advocacy work and support of Connecticut children.

“I am very honored to receive this award and want to thank this organization, which aims to improve the lives of children each and every day,” Rep. Cook said. “In order for our communities to succeed in the future, we must provide children with the necessary resources to grow. I have worked diligently to introduce legislation that help our children stay safe, healthy, and educated; and I will continue to advocate on their behalf in the future.”

“Rep. Cook has persistently worked this session to introduce bills that will provide Connecticut children with a better future,” said Mary Cecchinato, Executive Director of the Torrington Child Care Center Inc. “She has played an instrumental role in improving their lives in regards to safety, education, and care. Torrington is proud to have a legislator like Rep. Cook who cares about the wellbeing of the next generation.”

Rep. Cook co-sponsored and supported several bills this legislative session that aim to protect and improve the wellbeing of children. In regards to education, Rep. Cook co-sponsored An Act Concerning Dyslexia, An Act Encouraging Middle School and High School Students to Consider Careers in Manufacturing, and House Bill 5400, which will ensure that boards of education share findings with other boards of education concerning whether an applicant has been found to have committed abuse or sexual misconduct. Due in part to Cook’s efforts, all of these bills passed during this legislative session.

Cook is currently a member of the Education Committee and the Human Services Committee, both of which impact early childhood legislation.