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CUTBACKS TO EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

The governor's proposed cutback of 10% in services for children birth to three years of age comes on top of a previous 10% cut. These cuts are an example of a "pennywise, pound foolish" philosophy. All experts in the field of developmental disabilities agree that the earlier consistent and appropriate therapies are given, the more likely the disability will be corrected or greatly ameliorated. The results are tremendous savings in Special Education services, as well as a multitude of long term expenditures I.

We urge you to rescind these cutbacks.