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## Board of commissioners

My name is Elizabeth N. Rutila, a Northport resident and Mother of a two year old girl. We have been part of the early childhood program for many months. Me and my daughter have been benefited from the program in many ways, we go to playgroups and have meet many different families, my child have been able to socialise with other kids on the same age, but not just that, I have been able to meet other parents and we have created a network in our town, which if it was not because of this program I wouldn't been part of.

There's a need of child services in our county, and child care it's almost non existent. With the current global health issues, is almost impossible for babies, toddlers and little kids to have a safe place or group where they can develop their social skills, and this program has done it for us, in the best way I could imagine.

Me and my husband, are and have always been happy to be part of this, we do the home visits as well and support this, and we are grateful to have all this help to raise our child (who is actually reaching all of her developmental goals and always looks forward for the play groups and home visits activities)

We hope this program can continue, to keep helping families like ours

Elizabeth (and Sophia) Rutila

Sent from my iPhone