



## One Connecticut Education Priorities

**B**asic education is a requirement for success in today's job market. Low-income families—children and adults alike— must have access to high quality education to be employable and advance in today's economy. All of Connecticut's students should have access to education opportunities free of racial and economic segregation. *One Connecticut* supports full funding for life-long learning and specifically recommends:

- 1. Early Learning.** Funding parity across a mixed delivery system which includes home-based, center based, and school-based care is critical if all settings are going to provide services that can ensure school success. Coordination among all forms of early care and education, from birth is optimal.
- 2. K-12.** Reform the ECS formula to ensure funding parity statewide and to ensure state commitment of 50% funding is achieved.
- 3. Beyond High School.** All should have access to need-based financial aid to pursue higher education, even when not enrolled in degree granting programs. The cap on funding for adult education (ABE) should be lifted to allow access to GED, ESL and literacy classes for all who require them.
- 4. Adults.** Launch a pilot education and training program for Jobs First Employment Services participants which provides intensive basic skills training (GED, English as a Second Language, Adult Basic Education, literacy and numeracy education) to parents moving from welfare to work. Cost: \$3 million.