



# ECCS

Early Childhood Collaborative of Southington

## **Advocacy Training** **Learning to Speak Up for Children**

**Are you passionate about issues around young children?**

*We are too. Advocacy is one of the three focus areas of the Early Childhood Collaborative of Southington. But sometimes it is hard to know what to do, how to help and if it will make a difference.*

*Join us and learn how to be an advocate for children.*

The speaker is Merrill Gay, Executive Director of The Connecticut Early Childhood Alliance. His examples will relate to children's issues such as healthcare and the Care4Kids program, but the material will be helpful to anyone interested in legislative advocacy. Learn about:

- What is advocacy?
- Defining a problem
- Understanding the process
- Decision makers
- Making the case for a solution
- A plan for action.

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Date: **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

Time: **7 pm** (Registration, snacks and networking at 6:30)

Location: **First Congregational Church of Southington**, 37 Main Street

In Memorial Hall, which is handicap and wheelchair accessible.

Childcare is not being provided but babies are welcome.

Register At: [www.southingtonearlychildhood.org/events/](http://www.southingtonearlychildhood.org/events/)

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