

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Mr. Khari Garvin  
Director of the Office of Head Start  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
330 C Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Director Garvin:

I am writing in support of the Grand St. Settlement's application to the Administration for Children and Families for an Early/Head Start program expansion. As the Representative of the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which encompasses parts of Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn, I recommend support for this program so that they can bring their services to family childcare partner sites in Brooklyn, providing children and families in my district with a place to learn and thrive.

Grand St. Settlement, a 107-year-old settlement house with 37 sites across lower Manhattan and Brooklyn, currently provides early childhood programs for over 840 children and families at seven Grand Street-operated and 23 partnership sites. This historic settlement house has been an Early Head Start grantee for over two decades, leveraging its over seventy years of early childhood experience to provide community-specific, family-led programs, and currently manages two Head Start sites in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, within my district.

Grand St. Settlement's partnership sites are predominantly operated by women of color, who have gained their expertise in childcare from Grand St. Settlement's decades of work on the issue. They also build strong networks on behalf of families in New York, having established partnerships with key Brooklyn community-based organizations, landlords/developers, and elected officials to ensure children and families have access to a comprehensive set of resources.

I am proud to support the Grand St. Settlement's application to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,



Dan Goldman  
Member of Congress