



## Tammy Czapiewski | North Dakota



### Tammy's story

Tammy's story began in 2012, when her daughter Addison was in just her third day of child care. With no monitor in the room where Addison slept, and no one checking on her for forty five minutes, Addison passed away on July 25, 2012.

After researching safe sleep practices and laws in North Dakota, Tammy realized that providers were only required to take a safe sleep training once – upon licensure. And the wording of the law was so vague that children only needed to be checked on “regularly,” with no definition of how often that should be. Tammy made it her mission to change the safe sleep laws in North Dakota by helping to push through Addison's Law, which included a provision that defined “regularly” as “every fifteen minutes.” While that one particular provision wasn't included in the final version of the bill, Tammy was successful in requiring safe sleep training for child care providers every year. Children in North Dakota sleep a little safer thanks to Tammy and Addison's Law!

**Child Care Stats in ND**  
**The cost of care for 2 children in North Dakota is nearly twice the annual cost of tuition at a four year college.**

**U.S. businesses lose approximately \$4.4 billion annually due to employee absenteeism as the result of child care breakdowns.**

**There are 39,949 children under the age of 6 in North Dakota who could be in need of child care.**

### Congressional Request: 2017

CCAoA is requesting a \$1.4 billion increase (over the FY 2016 level) for next year to ensure that nearly 217,000 children and families don't lose access to care, and also to help states meet the requirements of the 2014 CCDBG law.

We ask that you co-sponsor the “Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act of 2017” (H.R. 947/S.337), which would:

- Provide up to 12 weeks of leave for working families
- Enable workers to earn up to 66% of their monthly income while on leave
- Cover workers in all companies, no matter size
- Be administered through the newly created Office of Paid Family and Medical Leave

We also ask that you co-sponsor the “Promoting Affordable Childcare for Everyone (PACE) Act of 2017,” which would expand and enhance the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit (CDCTC) to reflect the realities of modern-day child care costs. The PACE Act would make CDCTC refundable and increase the credit rate, which would greatly benefit millions of working families struggling to pay their monthly bills as child care is the greatest expense after housing.