

## KATHY GROHS



## KATHY'S STORY

Kathy Grohs has a 5-year-old daughter who struggles with behavioral issues. Kathy has taken her daughter to a pediatrician and child psychologists in search of answers on how to best help her daughter succeed to her potential. Most of the time, her daughter is fine at home, but when put in child care all bets seem to be off. Kathy can pinpoint two possible reasons her daughter acts out when in child care: her early history, and the lack of training on behavioral issues and trauma for child care providers. Kathy's daughter was placed with her at birth by foster care workers; two years later, Kathy and her spouse formally adopted her.

The Grohs are a mixed-race family, which she believes has affected the socio-emotional health of her daughter. Kathy advocates for training within child care settings to help young children with behavioral challenges and trauma. She believes the community should have programs that take the time, patience, and energy needed to work with children with special behavioral, emotional, mental health issues.

## CHILD CARE STATS IN NE

Millennial parents in Nebraska spend on average 38.0% of their income on center-based child care for one infant.

Married parents of 2 children living at the poverty line pay 70.8% of their household income for center-based child care in Nebraska.

There are 109,269 children under the age of 6 in Nebraska who could be in need of child care.

## Congressional Requests: 2018

Provide a \$1 billion increase for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) in FY 2019. These new funds will help hundreds of thousands of low-income children gain access to high-quality care and help states better meet the needs of families.

Co-sponsor the Child Care for Working Families Act. This legislation would more than double the number of children eligible for assistance under CCDBG, and support the child care workforce.

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