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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. Tammy hopes that Addison's Law becomes federal law one day.

CHILD CARE STATS IN ND

Millennial parents in North Dakota spend on average 32.6% of their income on center-based child care for one infant.

Married parents of 2 children living at the poverty line pay 65.9% of their household income for center-based child care.

There are 39,844 children under the age of 6 in North Dakota 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.