

# VICTORIA DOUGHERTY



## VICTORIA'S STORY

Vicki has been an advocate for stronger child care health and safety regulations since her young son died in 2007 from a preventable, fatal accident at a family child care home.

Without timely inspections, the child care home had been operating with outdated, defective equipment and far more children than was allowed by law, which left her son without proper supervision at the time of his accident.

Vicki spends her free time now meeting with her legislators both in her home district and in Washington, D.C., discussing the importance of federal legislation to remedy the haphazard collection of state regulations, and the need for more funding to counter the lack of oversight for providers. She even worked with her lawmakers to introduce legislation in 2008, which mandated that providers have to disclose all inspection reports and whether they carry liability insurance at the time of application.

## CHILD CARE STATS IN PA

Millennial parents in Pennsylvania spend on average 49.4% of their income on center-based child care for one infant.

Married parents of 2 children living at the poverty line pay 87.9% of their household income for center-based child care.

There are 568,575 children under the age of 6 in Pennsylvania 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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