


# CATEY RICE

## CATEY'S STORY

Catey Rice is currently a stay-at-home mom to her three boys, ages seven, four, and one. She and her husband decided they would live on just one income so that Catey could stay home with their children when they realized the cost of high-quality child care was out of reach for their family. The Rices realized that child care for their three children would take up almost the entirety of the second income she could bring in.

After hearing about some of the tragedies that happened in a few child care centers, Catey and her husband decided they just didn't want to take a chance on the safety and well-being of their children.

Catey is currently in the parent leadership cohort for Supporting Families Together



on behalf of The Parenting Place, where she is learning to hone her advocacy skills on behalf of children and families in need.

## CHILD CARE IN WISCONSIN

- A single parent in Wisconsin spends 48.9% of their income for center-based infant care.
- Married parents of two children living at the poverty line pay 90.3% of their household income for center-based child care.
- The cost of infant care in Wisconsin is more than the annual cost of tuition at a four year state college.

## 2019 CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST

Provide a \$5 billion increase to FY 2020 Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funding to ensure more children and families gain access to high-quality, affordable, and safe child care.