

NORTH DAKOTA

TAMMY CZAPIEWSKI

TAMMY'S STORY

Tammy Czapiewski'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 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 is working to get a federal version of "Addison's Law" passed someday.

CHILD CARE IN NORTH DAKOTA

- A single parent in North Dakota spends 33% of their income for center-based infant care.
- Married parents of two children living at the poverty line pay 68.7% of their household income for center-based child care.
- The cost of infant care in North Dakota 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.

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