

# WENDY NYCZ

## WENDY'S STORY

Wendy Nycz has four children ranging in age from 3 years to 17 years old, so she knows her way around child care! She has managed child care programs in two different states during her career, and her children attended everything from Head Start and private preschools to family child care homes and large child care centers.

Now living in a low-income area, Wendy is unable to find a suitable child care environment for her youngest child, so she works from home while caring for her toddler.

Wendy is passionate about play-based, developmentally-appropriate learning for very young children. She has seen progress in the early childhood education field as a mother with children of varying ages and



continues to advocate for more accessible and affordable care for lower and middle-income families.

## 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.