



Child Care Across Iowa

I have always been passionate about early childhood education, but it wasn't until a year and a half ago that I began to see the true importance of child care. It started when my wife began working at a child care center and would tell me stories about the children and their development. We then watched several documentaries, including *No Small Matter*, which talked about the latest research on brain development in children.

I came to see just how important the first five years of life are to the development of a child.

My wife then decided to open a DHS-registered child care development business in our home and I began to take a more active interest in caring for children. I joined her in taking the ChildNet 2.0 training and also went through the Child Care Essentials online training.



As I watched the children develop at an incredible pace in my wife's cutting-edge program, I could see just how important high-quality child care was to children. My eyes were opened to the significant role that a child care provider plays in the life of a child. Child care helps children to establish the foundational building blocks that will be with them for the rest of their lives. This experience made me a passionate advocate for high-quality child care.

- Ryan, Community Member

If your community is experiencing a child care crisis, reach out to CCR&R! We can help facilitate discussions and solutions!

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