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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2016 - 2020 State Senator, 6th Senate District (D-Milwaukee)**

- Ranking Democratic member, Senate Committee on Public Benefits, Licensing and State-Federal Relations
- Other Legislative Committee Appointments: Committee on Economic Development, Commerce and Local Government, Committee on Education, Committee on Health and Human Services
- Senate Appointee Member of Wisconsin Center District Board, Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council
- Senate Co-Chair, Legislative Children's Caucus
- Senate Chair, Women's Health Workgroup
- Represent over 172,000 constituents on Milwaukee's Northwest side

**2013 – 2016 State Representative, 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly District (D-Milwaukee)**

- Ranking Democratic member, Assembly Committee on Children & Families
- Milwaukee Democratic Legislative Caucus, Chair (2014-15)
- Other Legislative Committee Appointments: Criminal Justice and Public Safety, Family Law and Financial Institutions
- Assembly Lead – Democratic Women's Health Workgroup
- Assembly Democratic Appointee – Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council
- Address the concerns of almost 56,000 constituents in a timely manner
- Make public appearances at events across the state
- Propose new legislation and amendments to existing legislation
- Vote on proposed legislation and amendments
- Modify and update existing laws
- Vote on State's Operating Budget
- Authored legislation on topics including, criminal justice reform, women's health, human trafficking, child welfare, gun violence, addiction prevention, student debt, summer youth employment, child care, and toxic lead exposure
- Author of 9 bills enacted into law

**Awards**

**2015 Children's Champion Policy Award;** Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

**2015 Champion of Children Award;** Coalition for Children, Youth and Families

**2016 Outstanding Legislation in Behalf of Human Trafficking Victims;** Human Trafficking Task Force of Greater Milwaukee

**2016 David Duax Award for Bipartisanship** – Fierce Freedom, (For Passage of Anti-Child Sex Trafficking legislation)

**2009 – 2013 President Local 502 AFSCME, Child Care Providers Together Milwaukee;** District Council 48: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Responsibilities:**

- Currently represent over 700 Licensed Family and Certified Child Care Providers.
- Increase membership and member involvement through effective local Union leadership.
- Appoint all standing and special committees of the local.
- Be an active member of all committees organized by the Local except election committees.
- Develop and implement goals for improving team leadership in an effort to create a stronger more effective Union.
- Facilitate Continuing Education classes for both Union and non-Union members.
- Provide representation for active members at Enforcement Hearings.
- Serve on the committees of various community organizations on behalf of AFSCME.

**2007 – 2012 Facilitator/Owner – Anointed Educational Services:** Milwaukee, WI

**Responsibilities:**

- Develop and implement educational curriculums and materials for Childcare Professionals.
- Schedule and facilitate Continuing Education Classes.
- Provide flexible and affordable classes suited to fit the needs of my clients' busy lifestyles.
- Maintain a working knowledge of Administrative Rules for Certified, Licensed Family and Group Child Care Centers.

**2002 – 2012 Childcare Owner/Operator – Anointed Childcare Services:** Milwaukee, WI

**Responsibilities:**

- Provide quality childcare services in a safe, nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment for children 6 weeks to 12 years of age.
- Maintain a working knowledge of Child Welfare Laws and Administrative Rules for Family Childcare providers.
- Provide individually guided educational programs.
- Create weekly theme based lesson plans.
- Create and maintain a well-organized, age appropriate facility and learning environment.
- Respectfully and thoughtfully interact with the children to promote positive self image.
- Use positive guidance techniques to correct unwanted behavior.
- Successfully create nurturing and positive partnerships between parents and staff.
- Create and implement good business practices.
- Recruit and maintain quality childcare professionals for support staff as well as

- perform other human resource related duties such as interviews, background checks, payroll, and disciplinary duties.
- Facilitate in-house staff trainings.
  - Promote and maintain a positive, professional self - image among fellow childcare professionals and within the community.

### **EDUCATION**

**1991 – 1997 B.S. Criminal Justice:** Tennessee State University – Nashville

Minor: **Sociology and Psychology**

**1990 – 1992 Nursing:** University of Wisconsin Milwaukee - Milwaukee