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I was an Early Childhood Specialist in the Grand Rapids area for 25 years. I worked with infants up to age 8 after having received a degree in Early Childhood Education. It makes me sad and frustrated when people don't understand the need for quality programs for young children and the need to have knowledge of child development. In both the affluent areas where I worked and my work with low income children and their families the need is real. When you work with young children there is also a bond established with the families of those children. My knowledge also helped me with my interactions with my own children and grandchildren. I know the awesome people who helped to make this program happen in my own community and I am so grateful to them. We live in such a wonderful place and I feel our focus needs to be on what is best for the common good. Thank you.

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