

January 12th 2018 at 11:01am was one the most horrific days that we have ever experienced as parents. On this day, our world turned upside down and our lives would forever be changed.

I received a call from Kelly, the director of Celebree Learning Center.

She proceeded to tell me there was an incident that was reported back in September 2017 where child had come forward and the parent had let the center know that their child was being inappropriately touched and fondled by another in their Hot Spots program and while investigating this claim, that they came across a video where you saw someone fondling a child on the sofa near the TV" .... My heart stopped for a moment..... She continued and advised "Aiden was the victim"

I replied "What do you mean Aiden was the victim?"

So I asked her "When did this happen to Aiden?" She replied sometime between August thru September but was unable to give more details. She proceeded to say "I felt that you had the right to know"

I in turn questioned her and ask "what do you mean I had the right to know? Of course I do, I am his mom. Why wasn't I told sooner when you came across the video back in September?"

Her reply " We were investigating and were not permitted to advise but I felt you had the right to know."

She informed me that it was another child who had done this and that Aiden was not the only one. I then asked if he was still there, which she advised that he was no longer there as of the end of October 2017.

My son's case, as we were to find out, was one of the most egregious cases. Why it took Celebree Learning Center about 4 months to inform us is beyond neglectful and beyond words. If our son recieved a paper cut, there was a incident report waiting for us to sign that same day .... but my son was sexually molested and it took about 4 months to tell me?

As humans, we have the right to make choices. Celebree stripped Aiden's and our rights away when they did not inform us of this situation. Aiden was left in a classroom with the same teacher that allowed this to happen for about 4 months without informing us. Aiden wanted to make a change and fight for the rights for all parents to know. The right to know when something happens immediately when it involves a child. He wanted to make a difference in what had happened to him. Aiden wishes that you pass this law to prevent the delay of information and for this to not happen again to other families.