

# Once upon a time: When childcare for all wasn't just a fairytale [video] <sup>[1]</sup>

Know Thy History: Looking Back on Child Care

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## EXCERPTS

Just imagine how things might be different if, for the past four decades, all American children had access to high-quality early care and ed. It almost happened. Back in 1971, Congress passed a bill providing high-quality, universal childcare, home visiting and other services from birth to age five to every family that wanted it. President Nixon's 11th hour veto marked the first time "family values" was invoked to undermine pro-family and child initiatives. The veto marked a critical inflection point from our path towards a more inclusive nation to today's "you're-on-your-own" society.

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