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## **My Y Story**

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I have been with the Y for six years and I love working here. I have a degree in early childhood and have been in this field for twenty-two years.

What I enjoy most about the Y is the diversity, being able to have a good rapport with the parents, the community and the culture. For my Spanish speaking parents who do not speak English, I love working with them to make them feel comfortable and make this center feel like home for them.

I like the advantages the Y gives staff members such as Y membership, discounts on child care and programs, and opportunities to advance your education and career. You can grow with the Y. I tell my staff to take advantage of these benefits. The Y is a great place to work.

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