



Lisa Oller | Kansas



Lisa's story

Lisa Oller works for the Kansas Poison Center as a Certified Poison Information Specialist and continues to work as a health care professional in child safety. After her nine-month old great-nephew died while in child care, Lisa wanted to do more to support and advocate for children and families.

Lisa wants to speak for children and families dealing with a similar traumatic experience, and to ensure child care centers and facilities are safe. In addition, Lisa wants her local and state representatives to ensure all providers meet safety regulations in Kansas. As a new advocate for child care, Lisa plans to work with other advocates to create national child care solutions to support all families. She aims to champion affordable, high-quality, and safe child care for all children.

Congressional Request: 2017

CCAoA is requesting a \$1.4 billion increase (over the FY 2016 level) for next year to ensure that nearly 217,000 children and families don't lose access to care, and also to help states meet the requirements of the 2014 CCDBG law.

We ask that you co-sponsor the "Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act of 2017" (H.R. 947/S.337), which would:

- Provide up to 12 weeks of leave for working families
- Enable workers to earn up to 66% of their monthly income while on leave
- Cover workers in all companies, no matter size
- Be administered through the newly created Office of Paid Family and Medical Leave

We also ask that you co-sponsor the "Promoting Affordable Childcare for Everyone (PACE) Act of 2017," which would expand and enhance the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit (CDCTC) to reflect the realities of modern-day child care costs. The PACE Act would make CDCTC refundable and increase the credit rate, which would greatly benefit millions of working families struggling to pay their monthly bills as child care is the greatest expense after housing.

Child Care Stats in KS
The cost of infant care in Kansas is more than \$3,000 more than the annual cost of tuition at a four year college.

U.S. businesses lose approximately \$4.4 billion annually due to employee absenteeism as the result of child care breakdowns.

There are 156,979 children under the age of 6 in Kansas who could be in need of child care.