



Precious Yarborough | Washington



Precious's story

Precious Yarborough is a mother of four who works in maternal-child health. When Precious left her job to finish school it became extremely difficult to find an affordable child care center. Child care became a necessity, but there were no programs on-campus and the local centers were too far from the school or home. In addition, Precious was denied assistance to pay for child care because she was not pursuing a technical degree. Precious and her husband Aaron juggled between Precious attending school and finding child care for all four children. Fortunately, they found Summer's Garden Learning Center to help with their child care needs.

The experience they had looking for child care led Precious and Aaron to become child care advocates in their community. The couple believes child care educators make children successful citizens for the future. Precious advocates for accessible and affordable child care for all families.

Child Care Stats in WA
The cost of center care for 2 children in Washington is more than twice 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 306,651 children under the age of 6 in Washington who could be in need of child care.

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.