

AMBER & TRAVIS JONES



AMBER AND TRAVIS'S STORY

The Jones', the parents of two young children, are actively involved in local organizations that focus on improving the lives of children and families in Arizona. Travis serves as treasurer of a non-profit preschool and kindergarten, is the former treasurer for the Arizona AEYC, and is a former board member for Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Amber has served on the local and state NAEYC boards, serves as president of a non-profit preschool, and is in her 4th term on the Arizona First Things First Pima North Regional Partnership Council.

Amber and Travis are champions for paid family leave. They understand first-hand the struggle families face in finding high-quality care. Together, they drive 90 miles back and forth each day so their son can attend a quality preschool. Preschool tuition for two children was more than their mortgage payment. The Jones' feel that early childhood education and child care are issues that don't just affect families, but also the economy. They are advocating for high-quality, affordable child care for all U.S. families.

CHILD CARE STATS IN AZ

The average cost of center-based care for an infant in Pima County is \$9,982 and the cost of center-based care for a 4-year-old is \$7,877.

Millennial parents in Arizona spend on average 47.8% of their income on center-based child care for one infant.

There are 302,591 children under the age of 6 in Arizona who could be in need of child care.

Congressional Requests: 2018

Provide a \$1 billion increase for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) in FY 2019. These new funds will help hundreds of thousands of low-income children gain access to high-quality care and help states better meet the needs of families.

Co-sponsor the Child Care for Working Families Act. This legislation would more than double the number of children eligible for assistance under CCDBG, and support the child care workforce.

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