

CHESNEY KEENEY



CHESNEY'S STORY

Chesney is the mother of two boys, Kollin and Carter, ages 3 and 4. Although she is a Certified Nursing Assistant, she and her husband Kevin live in an area where there are no affordable child care options, so Chesney stays home with the kids.

She would like to work and attend school, but without the option of affordable child care, she cannot do either. Like many working families, they are trapped in between making too much money to qualify for subsidies, but not enough to afford child care even if she were to work.

Chesney is advocating on behalf of families like hers who deserve quality and affordable child care, so that parents can work or attend school.

CHILD CARE STATS IN ID

Millennial parents in Idaho spend on average 35% of their income on center-based child care for one infant.

Married parents of 2 children living at the poverty line pay 55.4% of their household income for center-based child care.

There are 76,196 children under the age of 6 in Idaho 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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