

DANIELLE JEFFREY



DANIELLE'S STORY

Danielle (DJ) is a working single mom who is also attending graduate school at night at the University of Texas - San Antonio (UTSA) where she is working towards her master's in social work. DJ, along with several of her classmates, advocates for child care assistance for parents who attend school.

In January of 2018, the UTSA Students Raising Children group opened the Lil' Roadrunners downtown child care program on campus to help parents who need child care for their children while attending classes.

Unfortunately, the \$20 daily fee is often still too much money for parents attending school, and DJ is working to ensure that no parent has to choose between furthering their education and caring for their child.

CHILD CARE STATS IN TX

Millennial parents in Texas spend on average 38.5% of their income on center-based child care for one infant.

In Texas, single parents pay 36.6% of their income for infant center care.

There are 1,345,519 children under the age of 6 in Texas 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.