

DANIELLE MORIN



DANIELLE'S STORY

Danielle is a grieving mother. Eighteen months ago, her son, Deacon, died in a family child care home that was in violation of California state law. The law allows a home-based provider to care for no more than two infants and four other children, with two adults present. But on the day Deacon died, there were two adults, six infants, and 12 other children – three times the number of children allowed. Somehow, in that too-crowded facility, Danielle's son strangled.

Since that day, Danielle has studied the California child care system and found multiple flaws that potentially affect the safety of children in care. She has reached out to the state on several occasions.

She has joined a group of parents who also lost their children in child care. Danielle says she is looking forward to learning from other Family Advocates and from child care professionals so she can return home and be an advocate for children in California.

CHILD CARE STATS IN CA

Millennial parents in California spend on average 59.5% of their income on center-based child care for one infant.

In California, single parents pay 50.8% of their income for infant center care.

There are 1,775,808 children under the age of 6 in California who could need 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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