

DANIELLE YOUNG



DANIELLE'S STORY

Danielle stays at home with her two children, ages 2 and 5, so that she can finish her master's in social work at the University of Texas - San Antonio. Like many student-parents, she had a difficult time finding safe, quality, and affordable child care during nontraditional hours that would allow her to attend night classes.

On occasion, breakdowns in her child care plan forced her to take her children to class with her. Danielle is a part of the student organization Students Raising Children, which created the Lil' Roadrunners downtown child care program.

It's a student organized initiative that brings affordable child care to the campus during nontraditional hours to allow parents to attend classes. Danielle is asking lawmakers to invest in our nation's future by supporting programs that make child care more accessible, affordable, and safer.

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.