

DILYARA DAMINOVA



DILYARA'S STORY

In 2016, Dilyara Daminova had to return to work three months after giving birth to her baby girl. Her infant daughter then died while in the care of an unlicensed child care provider after being placed face-down on a mat in her snowsuit for a nap. When an autopsy was conducted, the medical examiner found four broken back ribs, as well as major bleeding, which meant that the ribs had been broken while she was still breathing. Brain tissue showed that she had suffocated. The provider never called 911.

Earlier this year, Dilyara testified in front of Virginia's State Legislature about the need to strengthen child care safety standards. Now Dilyara is sharing her story with the hope of affecting policies surrounding safety standards for family child care home facilities, and looking for ways to bring high-quality, affordable child care to all families.

CHILD CARE STATS IN VA

There are 396,873 children under the age of 6 in Virginia who could be in need of child care.

Married parents of 2 children living at the poverty line pay 92.0% of their household income for center-based child care.

Millennial parents in Virginia spend on average 48.8% of their income on center-based child care for one infant.

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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