

JULIA RUEDAS



JULIA'S STORY

As a parent advocate and child care provider herself, Julia Ruedas understands the struggles that families face. She works with low-income, majority Latino families in the Los Angeles area.

Julia sees long wait lists for families with children who cannot afford child care on their own, which brings about two negative experiences – one is for the child, who does not have access to quality education during those early critical years of their life; the other is for the parent, who experiences the negative outcome of ineffective policies that promote instable child care.

Julia's advocacy work has also taken her to Sacramento to work with state lawmakers on improving policies that affect not only child care providers, but the working families and children who rely on them.

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.

U.S. businesses lose approximately \$4.4 billion annually due to employee absenteeism as the result of child care breakdowns.

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