

JULIETTE MONTEMAYOR



JULIETTE'S STORY

Juliette is a mother of three and a student-parent. She had her first child as a college sophomore, and then attended law school as the mother of a toddler/elementary school child. She took the Texas bar exam a few months before giving birth to her second child.

Because undergraduate education and particularly law school tuition is extremely costly, Juliette was unable to afford child care while in school, so she had to creatively manage her schedule and have family members care for her daughter while she was in class. As an advocate with legal expertise, she has worked with state representatives and local leaders to create a child care alternative for UTSA student-parents enrolled in evening courses, which led to the now operational Lil' Roadrunners evening children's program to assist struggling student-parents like her.

Juliette will graduate this summer with her Masters of Social Work at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

CHILD CARE STATS IN TX

There are 1,345,519 children under the age of 6 in Texas who could be in need of child care.

Married parents of 2 children living at the poverty line pay 64.6% of their household income for center-based child care.

Millennial parents in Texas spend on average 38.5% 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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