

MICHELLE STURGES



MICHELLE'S STORY

Michelle is a stay at home mom of two children, ages 3- and 5-years old. In the city where she lives, there are very few affordable child care options for families. Prior to having kids, Michelle was a child care provider, but the cost of child care is too high for her family to afford, so she has had to make the decision not to work.

Michelle is advocating on behalf of families in Colorado who need access to high-quality and affordable child care, and she is advocating for providers who need and deserve higher wages for the profession.

Michelle hopes that coming to Washington, D.C. will help her learn new and effective ways to fight for quality child care for all families.

CHILD CARE STATS IN CO

Millennial parents in Colorado spend on average 60.2% of their income on center-based child care for one infant.

In Colorado, single parents pay 52.1% of their income for infant center care.

There are 247,373 children under the age of 6 in Colorado 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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