

MONIQUE ROSAS



MONIQUE'S STORY

Monique, a single mother, and her 3 year old son, Maika, are from Clairemont, a community within San Diego. Monique is currently involved with a women's recovery program, which she says has helped her rediscover her voice and allowed her to help lead other single moms through stressful situations.

Monique understands the difficulty of finding quality, affordable child care. When Makai was younger, she had to rely on friends and family to take care of him, often resulting in a stressful situation for Makai and an inability to plan ahead due to a lack of steady child care options.

Not knowing about scholarships and fee assistance programs made it much harder for Monique to know what options were available to her, and being a single mom made the process difficult to navigate. She credits learning about the fee assistance program at the EES Jeff and Deni Jacobs Child Development Center with ensuring Makai has a safe, high-quality child care center to attend every day.

CHILD CARE STATS IN CA

There are 1,775,808 children under the age of 6 in California who could be in need of child care.

Married parents of 2 children living at the poverty line in California pay 94.9% of their household income for center-based child care.

Millennial parents in California spend on average 59.5% 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.

PARENT ADVOCATE

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