

## OLIVIA MARTINEZ



## OLIVIA'S STORY

Olivia is currently working for the North Colorado Health Alliance. She has been a Community Health Care Manager for the Parental Plus program for 5 years, and an Outreach Coordinator for the Parental Outreach program for 2 years.

She has been fortunate to work with a community that seeks continued resources like prenatal health care, food, clothing, housing, and financial assistance. Olivia has seen firsthand the devastation and suffering in these types of communities, and she knows that child care plays a huge role in this for many parents.

As a parent herself, she knows that having access to quality and affordable child care is something every family deserves. She hopes her advocacy will push for more investment in child care and early learning programs 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.

Married parents of 2 children living at the poverty line pay 108.5% of their household income for center-based child 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.