

SHAYNA RAPHAEL



SHAYNA'S STORY

Shayna and her husband Justin lost their 11 month old daughter Claire in 2015 at an unlicensed, in-home child care center due to asphyxiation. Shayna has worked with Child Care Aware® of Washington, and has raised money for the local hospital to provide safety training.

She is also in the preliminary stages of opening a foundation in her daughter's name. Shayna wants to use her voice to ensure that all families have access to high-quality, affordable, and licensed child care centers.

She has written numerous articles about the loss of a child due to an unlicensed child care center, and she has lobbied the police department to hold agencies accountable for licensing requirements.

Shayna is the author of the blog <http://clairebearblues.com> where she shares her story about life after the loss of her daughter Claire.

CHILD CARE STATS IN WA

Millennial parents in WA spend on average 54.6% of their income on center-based child care for one infant.

Married parents of 2 children at the poverty line pay 99.5% of their household income for center-based child care.

There are 305,932 children under the age of 6 in WA 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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