

AMBER AND TRAVIS JONES



AMBER AND TRAVIS'S STORY

Amber and Travis Jones, the parents of two young children, are actively involved in local organizations that focus on improving the lives of children and families in Arizona. Travis is a Senior Manager at a CPA Firm, serves as treasurer for a non-profit preschool and kindergarten, is the former treasurer for the Arizona AEYC, and is a former board member for Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Amber is a small business owner and has served on the local and state NAEYC boards, serves as president of a non-profit preschool, and serves on the Arizona First Things First Pima North Regional Partnership Council.

Amber and Travis are champions for paid family leave. They understand firsthand the struggle families face in finding high-quality child care. Amber and Travis drive 90 miles back and forth each day so their son can attend a high-quality child care

center. Part-time child care for their two children costs more than their mortgage payment. The Jones feel that early childhood education and child care are issues that don't affect just families, but also their state and national economy as well. They want all families to have access to high-quality child care.

CHILD CARE IN ARIZONA

- A single parent in Arizona spends 41% of their income for center-based infant care.
- Married parents of two children living at the poverty line pay 77.4% of their household income for center-based child care.
- The cost of infant care in Arizona is nearly the same as the annual cost of tuition at a four year state college.

2019 CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST

Provide a \$5 billion increase to FY 2020 Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) funding to ensure more children and families gain access to high-quality, affordable, and safe child care.