

# CHESENEY AND KEVIN KEENEY



## CHESNEY AND KEVIN'S STORY

Chesney and Kevin are the parents of two boys, Kollin and Carter, ages 4 and 5. Kevin is a welder who works full time, sometimes overtime. Although Chesney is a Certified Nursing Assistant, she and her husband Kevin live in an area where there are no affordable child care options, so Chesney stays home with their children. She would like to work and attend school, but without the option of affordable child care, she cannot do either. Like many working families, Chesney and Kevin are trapped between making too much money to qualify for subsidies, but not enough to afford child care, even if Chesney was to go back into the workforce. Chesney and Kevin are advocating on behalf of families like theirs who deserve high-quality, affordable child care, so that parents can work or attend school.

## CHILD CARE IN IDAHO

- A single parent in Idaho spends 32.9% of their income for center-based infant care.
- Married parents of two children living at the poverty line pay 55.3% of their household income for center-based child care.
- The cost of infant care in Idaho is more than 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.