

DANIELLE MORIN

DANIELLE'S STORY

Danielle Morin is a grieving mother. In 2016, her son Deacon died in a family child care home that was in violation of California state law. California's child care licensing laws allow a home-based child care provider to care for no more than two infants and four other children with two adults present. But on the day Deacon died, there were two adults, six infants, and 12 other children – three times the number of children allowed by law.

Somehow, in that too-crowded family child care home, Danielle's son was strangled. Since that day, Danielle has studied the California child care system and found multiple flaws that could affect the safety of children in licensed child care. She has reached out to the state on several occasions and joined a group of parents

online who also lost their children in child care settings.

Danielle continues her fight for safer child care through Deacon's Army, a website she created to share her son's story and the need for safe, high-quality child care for all children.

CHILD CARE IN CALIFORNIA

- A single parent in California spends 60.4% of their income for center-based infant care.
- Married parents of two children living at the poverty line pay 112.8% of their household income for center-based child care.
- The cost of infant care in California 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.

