

KAYLEN AND ROB ORTIZ



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On September 29, 2016, Oliver "Ollie" Ortiz, a happy and healthy nine-month-old baby was dropped off at his licensed family child care provider's home. His parents, Robert and Kaylen Ortiz, had relied on the same child care provider five years prior with their older son. Tragically, Ollie did not come home that day. While the owner and an employee reported no injuries or anything out of the ordinary that day, she has since been found guilty of second degree murder for unintentionally, but recklessly, killing nine-month-old Oliver Ortiz. Sentencing is still pending.

Kaylen and Robert continue their mission to get justice for Ollie through the court system and have fought for federal laws that better protect children in child care, especially in licensed family child care homes. They are advocates for stricter safety guidelines, monitoring, and background checks. They also advocate

for mandatory video surveillance in child care settings so families can get clearer answers when incidents do occur. Kaylen and Robert want to use their voices to prevent any other family from having to experience the same heartache they've endured.

CHILD CARE IN KANSAS

- A single parent in Kansas spends 42.8% of their income for center-based infant care.
- Married parents of two children living at the poverty line pay 79.4% of their household income for center-based child care.
- The cost of infant care in Kansas 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.