

ROSALIE HAYNES



ROSALIE'S STORY

Rosalie Haynes became pregnant while serving in the Army in Maryland. She separated from the service before her due date so she could focus on raising her son and be with her husband, who relocated to Texas for a better job opportunity. With no family support in the area, she was unable to rejoin the workforce as the cost of full-time child care equaled more than her potential take-home pay. So, she went back to school to get her Master's degree in mental health counseling.

Rosalie finally found a part-time child care center to care for her son while she was in school and her husband was working, but soon faced issues after learning her son was left in dirty diapers for long periods of time. About to give up on her education, she finally found a child care center she felt she could trust. It was expensive, so she and her husband made sacrifices in order to afford the higher level of child care.

Rosalie and her husband have put off growing their family for now, due mostly to

the rising cost of child care. Her son is now three years old and Rosalie is in her last semester of graduate school. She hopes to use her academic success to continue to support other student-parents through her work with the group Students Raising Children at University of Texas – San Antonio.

CHILD CARE IN TEXAS

- A single parent in Texas spends 36.4% of their income for center-based infant care.
- Married parents of two children living at the poverty line pay 65% of their household income for center-based child care.
- The cost of infant care in Texas 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.