Access – Achievement - Advocacy
An undergraduate student parent program model to promote equal educational opportunity, support academic success and ensure full participation in campus life

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The following program elements represent a comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of student parents on a programmatic continuum:

Access

Outreach and mentoring to encourage student parents to aspire to and prepare for admission to UC Berkeley and other four year colleges:

- Partnerships with UC Admissions Outreach staff
- Participation in the Starting Point Mentorship Program
- Linkages to community college CARE/EOP/PACE Offices
- Linkages to High School Teen Parent Programs

Recognition and removal of barriers to admission and transition:

- Student parent participation in application workshops
- Student parent participation in “yield” activities and events
- Summer outreach to admitted student parents for individual assistance
- Summer “Head Start” workshops covering:
  - Academic Expectations
  - Financial Aid
  - Family Housing
  - Child Care/Schools and After School Programs

Social Services interface and community-based resources

- Benefits transitions
- CalWORKs Verification/Career Development/Community Service
- Subsidized Child Care and Children with Special Needs

Achievement

Ensuring a successful first semester transition:

- Once Upon A University class: student parent information and resources
- Individual problem-solving, advising and advocacy

Building a supportive, inclusive student parent community:

- It Takes A Village class: building student parent learning communities
- Parent’s Place: a community building campus space
- Student Parent Association activities and events
Preparing for Employment or Graduate School
• Beyond the Village class: planning next steps for student families
• Community Service internships for academic credit
• Letters of recommendation for graduate school and job references

Facilitating leadership development, campus involvement and advocacy
• Community Service internships
• Work-study positions
• Course development/co-facilitation
• Student Group leadership

Recognition and Celebration of Student Parent Achievement
• Targeted Scholarships, Awards and Emergency Grants
• Graduation, Recognition and Reunion events

**Advocacy for Institutional Inclusion**

Fostering campus partnerships and collaborations

• Financial Aid
• Family Housing
• Early Childhood Education Program
• Student Life Advising (EOP), College/Academic Advisors
• University Health Services
• Disabled Student Services
• Career Center

Advocacy initiatives and campus policy recommendations

• Admissions: Outreach to underrepresented, first generation student parents
• Academic Policies: reduced course load, time to degree
• Financial Aid: student parent grant, family-related budget appeals
• Child Care Programs: needs assessment, program expansion
• Family Housing: affordability, rent offsets for single parents, Section 8
• Disabled Student Services: pregnancy as a temporary disability
• Title IX policy and pregnancy/childbirth accommodations