

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