

Baby Bears @ Cal: campus support for expectant and new parents

Academic achievement and progress to degree:

- Reduced course load planning/strategies for balancing school/family
- Assistance in requesting/obtaining academic accommodations
- Course enrollment in "It Takes A Village: An Expectant & New Parents Learning Community"
- Information/assistance with campus policies and procedures for deferred admission, stopping out, withdrawal, re-admission
- Graduate school information/preparation and graduation celebrations!

Financial aid partnership, scholarship promotion and peer advising:

- Assistance in revising financial aid awards to include a new dependent
- Development of parent budget addendum for family related expenses
- Peer advising to maximize grant, loan and work study eligibility
- Development of scholarship applications/letters of recommendation
- Financial Aid Office partnership, designated counselor liaison, specialized student parent information and workshops

Peer advising support and internship options during pregnancy:

- Peer feedback on family friendly courses/faculty
- Enrollment in 1-3 units of Social Welfare service/learning

Pregnancy/parent-friendly campus space and equipment:

- Access to computers, printer, copier, campus phone and fax
- Breast pump access/breastfeeding privacy
- Changing table and "emergency" diapers
- Refrigerator and microwave
- Distribution point for new parent and Bear Pantry donations:
(diapers, baby clothes, baby food, car seats, high chairs)

Information and application assistance to access campus resources:

- Family Housing
- UC Early Childhood Education Program
- Breastfeeding Support Program
- Disabled Student's Program

Information and eligibility verification for community resources:

- Headstart Programs and State funded Child Care Centers
- CalWORKs
- Food Assistance
- Medi-Cal and Healthy Families