Resource List

Keynote: Accelerating Economic and Social Mobility Two Generations at a Time

The following resources were shared in the Chat box during the keynote session.

- **Ascend fact sheet** in partnership with the Institute for Women’s Policy Research that breaks down recent data on students who are parents.
- **Ascend Announces** First-Ever Parent Powered Solutions Fund Awardees.
- **Postsecondary Leadership Circle for Parents Announcement**.
- **Seven briefs** with Strategies and Innovations that Support Student Parents.
- As more and more institutions during the COVID-19 crisis use analytics to target messaging to students, they need to take a step back to understand how to craft messages that are helpful and extend a helping hand. **Here’s a resource** to support that work.
- **Here are a few resources** to support students during COVID.

**Programs** that Effectively Support Student Parents

- You’ll find a profile of Parents Lead at FCC in this paper **No Matter What Obstacle is Left Behind**.
- **Here’s an article** about the Life Impact Program at UW-Milwaukee.
- **And a story** about a Life Impact Program alum.
- **This is a great resource** from PERG for those looking to create a more family friendly environment on-campus.
- To the question about supports for parents, check out **Generation Hope’s 2020/2021 Higher Ed Toolkit for Supporting Student Parents**.
- **Read more** from Nicole Lynn Lewis on why student parent work is a racial equity issue.
- **Pasadena City College** is a great example of the how powerful empathy from faculty can be in improving racial equity.
- The **Head Start College Partnership to Promote Student Parent Family Success: A Roadmap for Collaboration** provides step-by-step guidance for higher ed leaders and staff looking to explore
how partnerships with Head Start can help meet both systems’ needs and improve available supports for student parents and their children.

➢ Last December the Institute for Women’s Policy Research released 51 state fact sheets featuring estimates of the economic benefits of investing in single mothers’ success in higher education, as well as a national briefing paper summarizing state and national findings. The study features first-ever state-by-state data on the number of single mothers enrolled in college and the individual and societal economic benefits that result from their educational attainment.

➢ Learnings from the Rise Prize (sponsored by Imaginable Futures and Lumina Foundation) were shared in a report highlighting key takeaways and learnings from the expansive applicant pool and identifies opportunities for further exploration and investment.

➢ For those looking to advertise their programs, check out this great resource!

➢ Understanding the Student Parent Experience: The Need for Improved Data Collection on Parent Status in Higher Education.

➢ To the question about data collection, check out Monroe Community College! Monroe Community College (MCC) in New York collects data on parent status through a survey conducted every semester during course registration. MCC matches those data with data from its campus childcare center, allowing for a recent IWPR analysis, which found that use of the center increased MCC student parents’ likelihood of returning to school the following year. The analysis also found that using the center more than tripled student parents’ chances of on-time graduation. This publication highlights more promising practices.

➢ Bringing IWPR data in and then collecting your own campus’s data is so illuminating to admins and faculty who don’t recognize the numbers and needs of parenting students on campus. The Family Friendly Campus Toolkit includes tools, tips, and templates for collecting data and case studies from colleges who’ve made changes as a result of better understanding the needs.

**Institutional Policies** that Effectively Support Student Parents

➢ Depicting the Ecosystems of Support and Financial Sustainability for Five College Promise Populations.

➢ ACCT’s 2019 report on supporting working students features a profile of the Austin CC childcare partnership with YMCA.

➢ Some examples of drop off programs that allow student parents to attend a study group or participate in a campus club, or even just having backpacks with fun stuff for a kid to tag along to class.

➢ Great work here on libraries as welcoming spaces for kids and parents.

➢ Speaking of College Promise Programs, IWPR put together a fact sheet on what promise programs should keep in mind to ensure student parents can benefit.

➢ Here’s a great example of how LA Valley College is meeting the needs of parent, children and their families.

➢ Alamo Colleges student trustee Alicia Moreno shared her experience as a parent and veteran, and translating her story to advocacy.

➢ Some easy(ish) policy solutions that would help student parents.
➢ This is also relevant for ongoing discussions of covid stimulus funding. Changing to a headcount formula will greatly benefit CC student parents.
➢ One financial aid fix that colleges can control themselves is helping students get dependent care expenses covered in their financial aid.
➢ This new brief talks through the importance of data collection on student parents:
➢ There's also room in many states for local tax dollars to help community colleges thrive. Read more here.
➢ Many colleges faced similar challenges navigating how to disperse CARES funding. Read more here.
➢ Read more about CCAMPIS which provides community college students funding for on-campus and community childcare.

Practices that Effectively Support Student Parents

➢ Central New Mexico Community College’s Survival 101 workshops.
➢ Central New Mexico Community College’s coaching training for faculty and staff.
➢ 53% of parenting students were food insecure in the prior 30 days - from The Hope Center’s recent student on basic needs for student parents.
➢ Raising Dreams - a great story about two student parents pursuing their postsecondary journeys.
➢ This is a recent resource developed by Higher Learning Advocates on policies which support student parents.
➢ Annie E Casey Foundation’s grantees have said it's important for higher ed leaders and their community partners to ensure their local state and federal elected officials know there's a constituency for students with parents in their hometowns. This resource can help advance these ideas and others you come up with.
➢ Website for Central New Mexico Community College’s resources for student parents.
➢ Portland State University’s new google site for students with children during COVID.
➢ Central New Mexico Community College’s CCAMPIS program -- Little Suncats.
➢ Some great information about the Single Mom’s Success Design Challenge.
➢ Singled Out for Success: A Narrative Inquiry of Single Mothers in the Community College. Bober, Delia A.