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Supporting Student-Parents and Families

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Framing the Conversation

For parents nationwide, child care is a basic need, and often a critical barrier for those who seek to enroll in and complete postsecondary education.

Raising Up Student Parents

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22%

of today's college students are parents



Over half of student parents are people of color

42% of student parents in higher education attend CC



58%

are struggling with food or housing insecurity



19%

of today's college students have disabilities



33% of student parents earn GPA of 3.5 or higher compared to 31% independent students

Why Head Start?

Head Start programs provide comprehensive support to nearly 1 million children and families each year



Federally funded program that grants directly to providers



Services include education, health, and family stability



Centers are approved for specific geographic service areas; relocation within the same area is permissible



Funding supports staffing, facilities, workforce training, family supports



A Partnership that Makes Sense

**Most community college
campuses operate within Head
Start geographic service areas**

**The median distance between
a campus and its nearest Head
Start is only 1.5 miles**

**Only 130 community +
technical colleges have Head
Start centers on campus**



Benefits of Head Start College Partnerships

Head Start

- ✓ Increase Head Start enrollment
- ✓ Financial/budget implications
- ✓ Create workforce and training pathways
- ✓ Connection to campus departments and resources

Benefits of Head Start College Partnerships

Children & Family

- ✓ Co-located, free for families, high-quality, early learning opportunities
- ✓ Co-located resources for parents, children, family members
- ✓ Full- or part-time job opportunities
- ✓ Higher-education modeling

Benefits of Head Start College Partnerships

Community Colleges

- ✓ Support persistence & completion among students with young children
- ✓ Capacity to support students basic needs
- ✓ Access to a high-quality early learning program,
- ✓ Recruit prospective student parents and their families



Opinion | Head Start centers in community colleges can change the child-care equation



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What is the Kids on Campus project?



Project Overview

Establish 50-75 partnerships

Put forth and evaluate a design that is sustainable

Demystify partnerships and demonstrate scalability

Highlight a business case/economics of the partnership

Cultivate a Community of Practice

Create library of resources for future partnerships



Project Design

1

Screening potential organizations for interest and preparedness to partner

2

Matchmaking between community colleges and Head Start programs

3

Technical assistance to go from meeting to marriage to living together successfully

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Project Support

Directors at both ACCT and NHSA will work to facilitate partnerships and provide guidance throughout the process.

- 1 Technical Assistance Webinars**
- 2 Peer Learning Opportunities**
- 3 Partnership Coaching**
- 4 Template and Resource Development**



Kids on Campus User Guide

1 Before You Begin

2 Partnership Profiles

3 Navigating Negotiations

4 Launching Your Partnership

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Kids on Campus User Guide

Establishing Partnerships Between
Head Start and Community Colleges



Texas State Based Project



**Texas Association of
Community Colleges**



Two-year Texas based project

Partnership with TACC

State Coordinator housed at TACC

**Leverage national project to
create Texas specific resources**

20 partnerships in two years



Next Steps for Participation



Step 1

Fill out the Screener Form



Step 2

Create a Readiness Report



Step 3

Engage in TA, Negotiations, & CoP



Step 4

Full Partnership Activities



Want to Participate?



<https://www.kidsoncampus.org>

Questions?



Thank You

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