

The National Head Start Association (NHSA) and the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) are collaborating to address the childcare and early learning needs of parenting students, particularly those in or near poverty. **Kids on Campus** aims to bring Head Start programs onto community college campuses, providing free, high-quality early education and childcare for qualifying student parents.

BENEFITS OF A HEAD START PARTNERSHIP

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- Access to on-campus, free for families, high-quality, early learning opportunities.
- Benefit from personalized support services tailored to the needs of parents, children, and family members.
- Explore flexible full- or part-time job opportunities.
- Witness higher education in action, inspiring future academic endeavors for children and all family members.

HEAD START

- Increase Head Start enrollment and improve attendance rates.
- Fulfill "in-kind" and "non-federal share" contribution requirements effectively.
- Leverage college departments and resources to reduce program costs, maximizing efficiency.
- Develop diverse workforce and training pathways to meet community needs.



COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Foster persistence and completion among students with young children, promoting educational success.
- Address students' basic needs to ensure a conducive learning environment.
- Access to high-quality early learning programs and practicum sites for enriched learning experiences.
- Recruit prospective student parents and their families, fostering a diverse and inclusive campus community.

PROJECT PROCESSES



Screening: Assess organizations' interest and readiness for collaboration.



Strategic Alignment: Facilitate a tailored partnership to ensure mutual benefit between organizations.



Technical Assistance: Provide comprehensive support for effective and sustainable partnerships.

A PARTNERSHIP THAT... *just makes sense!*

Head Start programs offer **valuable support** for qualifying student parents by providing free, high-quality early education.

22% of U.S. undergraduate students are parents.

Of those parents:

42% attend community college
70% are mothers

Of the more than 1,000 community and technical colleges nationwide, approximately **130 currently have Head Start centers** on campus.

Over half (53%) of student parents are raising young children (zero to five years), and **nearly half** of those children are eligible for Head Start.

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