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A Resolution in Support of Increasing Parenting Student Resources and Increasing Awareness of Existing Resources

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WHEREAS, the mission of California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) Student Government (SG) is to place the students at the center of our educational experience by leading with integrity and selflessly serving the students and the University on a local, state, and national level; and CI SG serves as the official representative voice of CI students; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI Student Government is an entity of Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) of California State University Channel Islands; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI has over 1,000 students who have dependents as indicated by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)¹; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI's Fall 2023 student population consisted of 60% first-generation students²; and

¹ <https://www.csuci.edu/news/releases/parenting-grant-231122.htm>

² https://oneci.csuci.edu/t/IRPEGuest/views/UniversityFactSheet/UniversityFactSheet?%3Adisplay_count=n&%3Aembed=y&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&%3Aorigin=viz_share_link&%3AshowAppBanner=false&%3AshowVizHome=n

WHEREAS, a higher proportion of parenting students are students of color compared to their white counterparts with 33% of Black students, 30% of Native American students, and 21% of Latinx students have children or dependents³; and

WHEREAS, 40% of CSUCI's student population earn less than \$24,000 a year and child care can be prohibitively expensive⁴; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI received a \$60,000 grant awarded by the Urban Institute (UI) to take part in the UI's Parenting Students College Community of Practice⁵; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI currently has a campus cross-divisional task force with representatives from programs that have an impact on student parents, with representatives from AVP for Student Success & Retention, Restorative Justice & Outreach Title IX Coordinator, and Senior Data and Research Analyst⁶; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI includes Parenting Student resources on their website⁷; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI includes lactation rooms on their Title IX website⁸; and

WHEREAS, Parenting Students are eligible for priority registration as granted by California Legislation AB 2881⁹; and

WHEREAS, the majority of CSUCI restrooms do not currently have changing stations in all feasible locations; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI does not currently have formal child care services one of only three campuses across the 23 CSU campuses¹⁰; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI does not have student parent peer ambassadors¹¹; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI Counseling and Psychological Services does not currently offer support groups for parenting students¹²; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI Basic Needs stated the \$60,000 grant would be used for concrete needs for student parents such as more diapers and formula at the Dolphin Pantry, and creating a family-friendly space for student parents to study¹³; and

WHEREAS, CSUCI Basic Needs does not currently offer or accept clothing donation for outgrown, used & clean, or new infant or toddler clothing; and

³<https://californiacompetes.org/resources/the-landscape-of-parenting-students-an-incomplete-picture-of-the-challenges-student-parents-face-to-educational-success/>

⁴ <https://www.csuci.edu/news/channel/winter-2023/pdf/channelwinter2023lowres.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.csuci.edu/news/releases/parenting-grant-231122.htm>

⁶ <https://www.csuci.edu/news/releases/parenting-grant-231122.htm>

⁷ <https://www.csuci.edu/parenting-students/>

⁸ <https://www.csuci.edu/titleix/nursing-parents/>

⁹ <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB2881/id/2597277>

¹⁰ <https://www.csuci.edu/news/channel/winter-2023/ececcsite.htm>

¹¹ <https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/centers-programs/parents-families/student-with-children.html>

¹² <https://www.csuci.edu/caps/group-counseling.htm>

¹³ <https://www.csuci.edu/news/releases/parenting-grant-231122.htm>

WHEREAS, CSUCI does not currently have a center or office dedicated to Parenting Students; and

WHEREAS, CSU Channel Islands Student Government raised inquiries, with the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, surrounding the expansion of lactation rooms in Bell Tower, which led the discovery of a lactation room in Bell Tower 1621 that was unused and unadvertised on the CSUCI website for over a year; and

WHEREAS, CSU Channel Islands Student Government Lobby Corps advocated in support of AB 2458 (Berman) during the March 2024 CSSA California Higher Education Student Summit, and approved a Resolution in Support of AB 2458 amongst other California Higher Education Student Bills¹⁴; and

RESOLVED, that CSU Channel Islands Student Government stands in support of increasing resources for Parenting Students and increasing awareness of existing resources; and be it further

RESOLVED, that CSUCI Student Government advocates for increased advertisement and awareness of priority registration for Parenting Students; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that CSUCI Student Government advocates for continued development of family-friendly space for student parents to study¹⁵; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that CSUCI Student Government advocates for the creation and hiring of student parent peer ambassadors; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that CSUCI Student Government advocates for Counseling and Psychological Services to establish a Parenting Student focus group; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that CSUCI Student Government advocates for the addition of visibly labeled changing stations in all lactation rooms; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that CSUCI Student Government advocates the addition of changing stations in all lactation rooms where feasible and convenient for users; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that CSUCI Student Government advocates for consistency among all lactation rooms to include essential materials and advertisement of resources available for parenting students, with the direct input from parenting students; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that CSUCI Student Government advocates for Basic Needs to accept and promote the donation of infant and toddler clothing¹⁶; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that CSUCI Student Government advocates for faculty to indicate in their syllabi if students are allowed to bring their children when other forms of childcare are unavailable; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that CSUCI Student Government advocates for more family-friendly events and programming for Parenting Students; and let it be further

¹⁴ <https://studentgov.csuci.edu/resolution-in-support-of-2024-california-higher-education-student-bills.pdf>

¹⁵ <https://www.csuci.edu/news/releases/parenting-grant-231122.htm>

¹⁶ <https://www.calstatela.edu/students-families/assistance-programs>

RESOLVED, that CSUCI Student Government supports the creation of a socially-engaging outlet (e.g. social media, goCI App, dedicated newsletter, etc.) where parenting students can connect with their peers, and locate new and currently existing Parenting Student resources; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that CSUCI Student Government advocates for the creation of a dedicated Parenting Student center or office that will create programming specifically for parenting students, space for private conversations, informal parent hang out area that includes nursing/feeding/changing/play spaces and food, easily available informal social support from staff and peers, and needed referrals, counseling, and other assistance from professional staff¹⁷; and let it be further

RESOLVED, that CSUCI develop a Parenting Student Implementation Task Force that focuses on the implementation of recommendation from the already existing cross-divisional task force, and includes representation from Basic Needs, CAPS, Financial Aid, Record/Registrar's Office, any additional and necessary campus departments, and Parenting Students; and let it be finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the following CSU Channel Islands departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: Office of the President, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Dean of Students, Office of the Provost, Basic Needs, Financial Aid Office, Registrar's Office, ASI Board of Directors, Student Organizations & Involvement, CSU Channel Islands Student Body, and CSUCI Academic Senate.



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¹⁷<https://familyfriendlycampus.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Examples-of-Recommended-Practices-2020.pdf>