

March 7, 2016

Re: Child Care Access Means Parents in School Reauthorization Act

Dear Congresswoman Duckworth and Congresswoman Clark:

As organizations committed to promoting the success of college students with dependent children, we are writing to express our support for **legislation to reauthorize the Child Care Access Means Parents in Schools (CCAMPIS) program**. The CCAMPIS program provides vital support for the participation and success of low-income parents in postsecondary education through the provision of campus-based child care.

**Parents of dependent children make up approximately one-quarter (4.8 million) of the college students in the United States.** Despite the large share of college students with children, however, campus-based child care has been declining in recent years, most dramatically at community colleges where the largest numbers of student parents are enrolled.

**The CCAMPIS program is the ONLY federal program dedicated solely to providing child care assistance for students in postsecondary settings.** It helps meet the high demand for low-cost child care, enabling student parents to persist in and complete postsecondary credentials, which are critical to their families' economic well-being.

For these reasons, we express support for **the Child Care Access Means Parents in School Reauthorization Act**.

Sincerely,

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