

Summary for Student-Parent/Student-Guardian Survey

These results are based on a fairly robust survey with 378 respondents, of which 19.5% were student-guardians. Approximately half of the respondents were single parents or separated/divorced 47.9%. 63.8% of the respondents indicate that they have high-levels or very high levels of stress in their lives that focus on:

- Providing safe and appropriate housing for your family
- Spending enough quality time with my child/children
- Managing my money and finances
- Balancing work, school, and home life

There is a surprising number of Student-Parents (35.7%) who have not accessed some form of financial assistance including: Subsidized housing, Women, Infants, and Children, or WIC Benefits, Earned income Tax Credit (EITC), Food assistance, such as SNAP or food stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Child care subsidy funded by Hartnell College, Other childcare subsidy/funding.

- 1) Most Student-Parents report having more than one child 59%, with the youngest (63.9%) and/or oldest child being over 3 years old (81.8%)
- 2) Most of our Student-Parents rely on a family member (e.g., partner, parent, grandparent, ...) for childcare (54.6%), while 29.5% rely on off-campus support systems for their children.
 - a. While, many of our Student-Parents say they have some opportunities to make friends and meet people (60.9%), 12% feel isolated from other students.
 - b. Many cannot/do not take part in club activities (76.7%), campus events (76.4%) or bring their child the college (66.4%) or class (87.1%).
 - c. This could restrict them from experiencing the social aspects of college students, but it's not clear if these feelings are comparable with other non-Student-Parents/non-Student-Guardians.
- 3) The biggest concerns that Student-Parents have is their inability to find time to work, study or relax (85.6%), that family commitments get in their way to attend class or study (67.5%) and the financial challenges of supporting life, school and family (56.8%).

Specific insecurities include :

 - JOB stability: have a stable job with dependable hours
 - FINANCIAL stability: have enough money (including loans) to cover basic needs like housing, food, clothing, childcare, transportation, etc.
 - CHILD CARE stability: have dependable and affordable transportation for all basic needs for you and your children
- 4) They are generally satisfied with the Student-Parent/Student-Guardian services (40.1%)
- 5) Most of the Student-Parent/Student-Guardians are confident that they can complete their coursework (54.8%), but another 22% have considered dropping-out of school.
 - 61.9% of the Student-Parents have taken at least 1 semester off since becoming pregnant 45.2% have taken 2-4
- 6) Most of the respondents were first-generation 85.8% but would like to transfer to a 4-year institution 79.5%

- 7) Most Student-Parents feel that an office dedicated to the needs of student parents (92.8%) where they offer referrals to needed services and/or supports (98.1) availability of small, emergency financial grants (97.8%) would be useful.
- 8) Only a few of our Student-Parents have used the Child Development Center services (20.1%), but those who have used their services are generally supportive, fees are reasonable (42.1%), approximately 90% of the Student-Parents would support affordable on-campus childcare
- 9) They would also support additional services that include parental education (93.9%), counseling/coaching (93.6%) and family actives on campus (91.0%).