



Transfer Re-entry & Student Parent Center

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Student Parent Program

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Regular Hours: 9-5 Monday-Friday Summer hours 10-4

Information regarding the Student Parent Summer "Head Start" on Saturday, June 15

The Student Parent Program is a unique resource for students who are combining school and parenting. If you will be coming to Berkeley with your family, we extend you a warm welcome from a network of student parents (some with new born babes, others with their own kids in college, and everything in between). They are looking forward to answering questions and sharing their experiences in support of your transition to Cal.

Student Parent Program staff and interns are available to provide information and support from the time you receive your offer of admissions until you have that Berkeley degree in hand. There's even a student parent alumni club to keep you connected and to provide an avenue for you to welcome future "generations" of student parent families. You can call, send e-mail or drop-in at the Transfer, Re-entry and Student Parent Center (all contact information listed below) if you have questions or run into any difficulties in obtaining family housing, child care, financial aid, dependent health insurance, transferring benefits between counties or just figuring out how to navigate all the "Bears", like tele-bears and bear facts. Not to mention CARS, DARS and MyFinAid!

Credit-bearing (pass/no pass) courses provide an on-going way to share and master the Cal experience with a community of your fellow student parents, and are offered each semester. The beginning point is "Once Upon A University, Transitioning to Cal" and combines resource information and hands-on experiential learning specifically relevant to student parents. Check the Transfer, Re-entry and Student Parent (TRSP) web site for updated information on course numbers, times and location.

We will hold break out sessions for student parents during each of the CalSO summer orientations, supplemented by TRSP Center workshops during the summer and at the start of the Fall semester. Congratulations on the accomplishments that have brought you to Berkeley, and we look forward to meeting you in person!

And in case you're up in the air about family housing or UC Child Care here's some basic information to get you started:

Family Housing:

There is university owned family housing for students with children (or other dependents) and for married students or domestic partners without children. Don't let the "sticker shock" rental rates deter you. It includes all utilities, internet and cable, plus a parking spot and you'll have a free bus pass to campus. And depending on your financial aid eligibility some or all of the rent may be added to your student budget. The bulk of the family housing is located in University Village in the City of Albany (with direct bus service to campus). Families are eligible to enroll in Albany Schools and there is an Albany Unified School District elementary school, Oceanview, located in the Village. There are also on-site infant-toddler (Headstart) and pre-school programs (Maples 1&2), as well as after-school recreation programs.

Family housing deadline: Applications are **accepted on an on-going basis (unlike dorm housing there is no deadline!)**, but it's important to apply as soon as possible.

Waitlist information: There may be a wait list for family housing, and wait times can vary greatly. Don't be discouraged and not apply. Also you can indicate a preferred move in date. Most student families do get into housing and some priority is accorded to freshman parents, and to single parents.

Application: [An application and information \(including floor plans and monthly rental prices\)](#) printed copies can be obtained in

person at:

The Housing Assignments Office
2610 Channing Way
Berkeley, CA 94720-2272
(510) 642-4109

UC Early Childhood Education Programs

The ECE Program serves infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers at eight sites on or near the campus. There are about 70 spaces for low-income families, subsidized by the California Department of Education.

Child Care deadline: The deadline to apply for UC Childcare is usually in mid-May, before the deadline to SIR to Berkeley. The process is quite complicated and **we encourage you to contact student parent program staff** to assist you in completing the forms and compiling the eligibility documentation, if needed.

Application & More Info: [An application and information](#) or by contact the office below:

ECEP Office
2339 Haste Street
Berkeley, CA 94720
Phone: (510) 643-1482
Fax: (510) 642-6668

Financial Aid tips relevant to Student Parents:

Grants: If you qualify for need-based aid, the financial aid office provides a student parent grant (of up to 8,000) over and above other grants that you may be eligible for.

Student contribution appeal: If the income (and/or a spouses income) that you documented for your FAFSA application (on which your initial financial aid offer will be based) will be changing when you start school, you can update your financial information using this appeal form, which may result in additional grant or loan eligibility.

Verification: As an independent student with dependents, you'll be required to go through a verification process to document your income and establish that you have a dependent (provide a birth certificate).

Budget Appeals for family expenses: Student parents are initially packaged based on the same set of expenses provided for in a "standard student budget". Students who are eligible for need-based awards and have family-related expenses can submit a budget appeal to request an increased award level to help cover child care, housing, and other family maintenance expenses (like food, clothing, transportation).

Student Parent Program staff and interns can assist you with navigating through any/all of these forms and eligibility procedures.

Student Parent Summer "Head Start" Workshop, Saturday June 15, 2013.

In addition to break out sessions for student parents at each of the summer Transfer CalSO orientations, we are planning a **Student Parent Summer "Head Start" Workshop on Saturday, June 15th** to provide a more in-depth opportunity to meet other new and continuing student parents and to get your questions answered and any concerns resolved.

If you would like to sign up for the June 15th Student Parent Workshop just rsvp to: studentparents@berkeley.edu
Children and/or family members, are welcome, so please rsvp with the number of guests and children's ages.

Agenda for Saturday, June 15th
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

- 1) Putting together the essentials for your Family: Housing options, Finding/qualifying for Child Care, Local Schools, Dependent Health Care and related Family Resources
- 2) Financial Aid 101: Independent Students with Dependents: Information on maximizing all sources of financial aid, including student parent grants, student contribution appeals (if your income will be changing in the coming academic year), budget appeals for expenses beyond a standard student budget and allowable family-related expenses.
- 3) Thriving (not just surviving) at Cal: Reduced course loads, academic enrichment and research opportunities, plus strategies for balancing academic engagement with work and family needs and expectations.

Location: 100 Cesar Chavez Student Center
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