



# Background & Context

Student parents make up 26% of U.S. undergraduate students (4.8 million)

The majority of the student parent population are women 71%,

About 2 million students, or 43% of the total student parent population, are single mothers (Gault, Reichlin, Reynolds, & Froehner, 2014a).

About 45% of student parents are enrolled in public two-year institutions, while 16% attend public four-year schools (Gault, Reichlin, Reynolds, & Froehner, 2014b)

# Background & Context Cont.

The majority of student parents who are matriculated at community colleges are mothers of color: black mothers comprise 53.7%, Latina mothers 40%, and American Indian mothers 40.1%. They are also low-income, work full-time, need childcare, and graduate with high debt (Reichlin, 2015).

A 2013 report published by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) found that the lack of on-campus child care prevents many community college student mothers from reaching their educational goals. Only 26% of two-year student parents attain a degree or certificate in six years (Reichlin, 2015).

Student parents at the community college have been most dramatically affected by the decline of childcare from 53 percent in 2003-2004, to 46 percent in 2013, with less than half of all two-year campuses offering campus child care services (Gault, Reichlin, Reynolds, & Froehner, 2014b).

# Research

Four focus groups with 13 students parents the last two summers

Publications can be found in *Readings in race, ethnicity, and immigration* by Hortencia Jimenez (Ed.) and in *Association of Mexican American Educators Journal*.

<http://amaejournal.utsa.edu/index.php/amae/issue/view/32>

# Hartnell College Student Parent Club



Established in Fall 2017

The **mission** of the Hartnell College Student Parent Club is to provide the student parent population opportunities for personal, professional, and academic development and growth through self-care and emotional support.

# Hartnell College Student Parent Club Accomplishments

Founding of the first ever Student Parent Club at Hartnell College where children/teenagers are welcome

Design an official copyright logo for the club

Invite guest Dr. Marnie Glazier to provide a yoga and breathing workshop

Partner with the [YWCA of Monterey](#) during the month of October to bring awareness of Domestic Violence

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# How can Hartnell College support Student Parents?

## Student Parent Center

Accessible and affordable child care

Family friendly spaces (adding changing tables to restrooms, children inclusion activities)

Having a student parent room/lounge to study with computers on each

why not a space for parents)

Child friendly tutoring services

Professional Development to better work with and serve student parents

Funding

Online/hybrid instruction

Course scheduling

Food pantry

Nurses office