



This framework, excerpted from TSC's *Toolkit of Promising Practices for Colleges and Universities*, helps institutions identify starting points and aspirational goals across support tiers. Institutions at any level can improve outcomes. The essential practices require more commitment than money. Enhanced practices are moderate investments, but often generate strong returns in persistence and completion. Exemplary practices are the strongest commitment and demonstrate what's possible when institutions truly prioritize student parents.

## Essential Practices (Nominal/No Cost):



- Add student parent question to application and registration
- Create centralized student parent information on website
- Ensure food pantries include baby supplies and formula
- Designate lactation rooms and family bathrooms
- Create children's corners in waiting areas
- Implement syllabi statements supporting student parents
- Provide priority registration where authorized
- Train faculty and staff on Title IX protections
- Form cross-campus team to coordinate support

## Enhanced Practices (Stronger Investment):



- Hire dedicated student parent navigator or coordinator
- Create family-friendly study spaces with materials for children
- Establish Student Parent Resource Centers
- Develop community partnerships for wraparound support
- Offer regular programming and events for student parents
- Create student parent affinity groups or clubs
- Provide one-on-one coaching or case management
- Feature student parents in marketing and communications
- Track and publish student parent outcomes
- Integrate student parent status into student information systems

## Exemplary Practices (Strongest Investment):



- Provide on-campus child care with priority for student parents
- Offer integrated case management with licensed counselors/social workers
- Distribute family-friendly spaces throughout campus
- Provide drop-in and evening/weekend child care options
- Develop cohort-based programming (Family College models)
- Create paid student parent advisory councils
- Bring mobile services to campus (banking, health care, social services)
- Employ dedicated staff teams (manager, coaches, navigators)
- Build specialized student parent housing
- Develop comprehensive two-generation programming