



Parent-Child Subsidy Ad Hoc

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Meeting Location: HUB 322

Council Weekend #1

Saturday, September 24th, 2016

Call to Order: 2:10 pm

I. Parent-Child Subsidy:

- Introduction:
 - Benefit for faculty and staff
 - Task force report to report on child care on University Park
 - Support child-care programs within the university
 - Report
 - Being able to provide leadership, teaching, and service.
 - a. HDFS, Early Education, Nursing
 - Develop creative and innovative solutions to meet child care needs.
 - a. Evening hours
 - Attend to the specific financial needs of Penn State student parents
 - Centers within University Park
 - Programs
 - Child Care Advisory Committee (CCAC)
 - Management and oversight to eight contracted/managed centers
 - a. University Park (3)
 - b. Behrend
 - c. Altoona
 - d. Harrisburg
 - e. Hershey
 - f. Saint Joseph's Hospital (Penn State Health)
 - Overview
 - Began in 1997
 - Seen as a national leader in the provision of subsidy to student parents
 - Advisory Committee
 - CCAMPIS Grant Spring, 2017
 - Statistics
 - 1 in 4 undergrads have children
 - 43% are single mothers

- Should only be paying 10% of income
- Penn State data
 - 5.75% of undergrad have children
 - 27.4% of all adult learners have children
 - 5,045 students have children across all campuses
- Supports low-income student parents
- Top quality child care center – Keystone STAR centers
- Funding 75% of the costs
- Eligibility
 - Full-time
 - Income at 200% of poverty line (for 2016)
 - Priority to Pell Grant, Veterans, 1st generation
 - If not in school, student-spouse working 20 hr./week
 - Paying Student Activity Fee
- Funding not awarded in 2013 – lobby to representatives
- 2015-2016 funded 60 families

II. Open Forum:

- Josh Calderon, Abington
 - What is the Percentage of families, what is the breaking point of how many families served, and What is the financial need requirements?
 - Anyone can participate
 - Is there an opportunity to finding funding elsewhere for the subsidy's?
 - Finding funding elsewhere? – Possibly going outward and serving new students.
- Daniel Sparks, Fayette
 - Lunches with State Representatives and Veterans to express your ideas to get funds.
 - Thanked the program for the services they heled with. Shared personal story.
 - What happened to the facility at Fayette?
 - Only a few Penn State families enrolled, it wasn't serving enough of the students, so closed it down.
- Greg McDonagle, Abington
 - How many families applied and were funded? – Funded all that needed and qualified
- Anh Duong, Berks
 - Who can use the Saint Joseph's Center? – Community, employees, and any in need
 - What is the deadline for applying?
 - There is a deadline, but will accept applications
- Nicole Burd, Harrisburg
 - A lot of the community, students, and teachers in Harrisburg use the center and love it.
 - Review what days the subsidy is funded to the students.
 - Funding the student's year long.
- Angie Reiss, Schuylkill

- How to get a child care center on campuses that don't have any?
 - Speak to HR and the Chancellor.
 - Then go through the subsidy committee
 - Find a center to pair within the community, whether it be a center or home center
- Visiting a campus?
 - See if there is a need within the community, Bright Horizons.
- Leon Nichols, Shenango
 - Thanked and asked for information
- Jake Boney, New Kensington
 - How to find more information on how to get information to the students?
 - Campuses need to link the site to the HR website.

Adjournment: 3:00 pm