

Response Summary:

Q1. Applicant Information

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Name of Department/ Unit/ Student Organization	Transfer and Reentry Center
What is your role or position within the Department/ Unit/ Student Organization?	Transfer Retention Specialist

Q2. Event/ Program Information

Name of the Event/ Program	Student Parent Support Programs
Date(s) of Event (include the year)	Varies (Student Parent Orientation: Monday 9/22/25; Bobby Dazzler's Trip: Sunday 10/12/25; Sacramento Zoo Trip: Saturday, May 9, 2026; Quarterly Kids Night Out Program: dependent on Youth Programs staffing - tentative dates Saturday 11/8/25, Saturday 2/14/26, and Saturday 4/25/26; Turkey Trot: Saturday 11/22/25)
Location	in homes of student parents and caregivers, Student Community Center, Sacramento Zoo, Bobby Dazzler's, Davis Turkey Trot route
TOTAL event/ program budget (\$x,xxx)	12,970
Funding request amount from COSAF (Student Programming Fund) (\$x,xxx)	13,005

Q3. Please provide a detailed description and purpose of the event/ program.

The UC Davis Student Parent Support Program proposal is an updated version of the previously-funded Student Parent Wellness Program. While students appreciated the Wellness Program, students shared feedback that they wanted to see more community-building opportunities. To address this feedback, the redesigned Student Parent Support Program incorporates the most popular parts of the Wellness Program - UrbanSitter Gift Cards and the Turkey Trot 2K/5K - with opportunities for student parents to form connections and network with other families. This redesign will also allow us to serve more student parents.

Student parents are extremely busy managing caregiving responsibilities, academic courses, personal situations, and providing for the basic needs of their families. While they often have higher GPAs than the overall student population, student parents are twice as likely as students without children to leave college without earning a degree (Contreras-Mendez & Reichlin Cruse, 2021). Higher education institutions are not set up to support student parents and nontraditional students. Colleges and universities often have rigid policies that disenfranchise student parents and leave this population feeling isolated and neglected (Contreras-Mendez & Reichlin Cruse, 2021). Ascend at the Aspen Institute investigated the mental health of student parents and found that "parenting students consistently and overwhelmingly report feeling isolated and disconnected from campus" (Aspen Institute, 2021, p.2). Helping them to form strong relationships with other student parents will decrease isolation and increase their resilience when faced with challenging situations.

To address these needs, the UC Davis Student Parent Support Program will provide UC Davis student parents with resources, opportunity, information and tools to build resiliency networks. This program will provide:

In-person Student Parent Orientation

Kids Night Out Program

Family Field Trips to the Sacramento Zoo and Bobby Dazzler's

UrbanSitter Gift Cards for accessing periodic childcare

Registration in the Turkey Trot 2K/5K

In-person Student Parent Orientation: the Transfer and Reentry Center coordinates an online Student Parent Pre-Orientation for incoming student parents and continuing students who wanted a refresher in June. While that program is useful and provides key information that cannot wait until students arrive in Davis in September, it does not provide an opportunity for student parents to meet each other and build relationships. The In-person Student Parent Orientation will be a half day program designed to offer networking activities, a mini-resource fair, and brief presentations from key partners. On site children's activities will be offered to allow the students to participate and their children to make new friends. Expected attendance: 100 student parents, 20 children, and 10 student volunteers. Below is a draft of the agenda:

11-11:30am: Check in and welcome

11:30am-12:30pm: Networking Activities and Mentorship Pairs

12:30-1:30pm: Lunch and Resource Fair

1:30-2:15pm: Key Resource Presentations

2:15-2:30pm: Closing Activity and Survey

Kids Night Out Program: Kids Night Out is a popular program model at various family-friendly businesses and organizations through which parents pay a fee to drop off their children and pick them up after a few hours. The parents have some kid-free time while their children participate in fun activities. UC Davis Campus Recreation Youth Programs can run a similar program one Saturday night each quarter in which 20 children ages 6 and older can enjoy activities at the ARC from 5-8pm. The Transfer and Reentry Center can host a pot luck and spa night for parents whose children are at the Kids Night Out and would like time to connect with other student parents. The TRC would also have volunteers available to host children's activities for children ages 5 years old and under as they are unable to attend Youth Programs events. Expected attendance at each quarterly program: 20 children 6 and older, 15 children 5 and under, 30 student parents, and 10 student volunteers.

Family Field Trips to Bobby Dazzler's and the Sacramento Zoo: these programs will allow student parent families to enjoy fun area attractions as a group. Each fall, families love going to Bobby Dazzler's to participate in fall and Halloween activities; the Sacramento Zoo is a wonderful facility that can be enjoyed by children of all ages. With COSAF funds, the TRC can purchase group tickets and coordinate student parent families attending together. We would also like to provide transportation to and from the Sacramento Zoo to make it easier for families to attend. Expected total attendance for both trips: 25 students and 55 children.

UrbanSitter Gift Cards: Urbansitter.com is an app and website that connects families looking for care providers for their children, pets, or adult family members with vetted care providers. Unlike Care.com and other similar services, Urbansitter.com allows families looking for care providers to sign up for free and has an option for paying the care provider by using a gift card. Thus, the TRC is proposing to purchase 15 \$100 gift cards so student parents and caregivers can select a care provider of their choice and utilize the gift card to pay for the service. Care provider hourly fees range from \$15-\$25/hour so a \$100 gift card would cover 4-5 hours of care. One of the benefits of utilizing Urbansitter.com is that the care is provided at the student's home so they don't need to bring their children or adult family members with them, which can add some stress and is sometimes impossible. Urbansitter.com lists care providers from Davis, Sacramento, and other cities within commuting distance to UC Davis.

Turkey Trot 2K/5K: From the generosity of a 2024-2025 COAF grant, we were able to pay for Turkey Trot registration for 11 students and 14 children and family members in November 2024. Families thoroughly enjoyed the experience, so we would like to offer this opportunity again. Expected attendance: 10 students and 15 children.

Q4. How will the requested funds be utilized to support this event/ program?

In-Person Student Parent Orientation
 SCC Multi-Purpose Room Rental: \$1,500
 Room Reservation Fee: \$35 (paid for by the TRC)
 Meal for participants: \$2,500
 Children’s Activity Supplies: \$100
 \$25 Aggie Cash Cards for 10 Children’s Activities volunteers: \$250
 Total: \$4,350
 Kids Night Out Program
 Youth Programs Camp for 20 children x \$25 = \$500 x 3 (quarterly) = \$1,500
 \$25 Aggie Cash Cards for 10 Children’s Activities volunteers: \$250 x 3 (quarterly) = \$750
 Total: \$2,250
 Field Trips
 Bobby Dazzler’s Group Package for 40 people: \$1,000
 Sacramento Zoo Group Admission for 40 people (40 x \$15) = \$600
 Coach bus transportation to the Sacramento Zoom: \$1,000
 Total: \$2,600
 Urban Sitter Gift Cards
 (\$100 gift card + \$80 3-month membership + \$8 service fee) x 15 students = \$2,820
 Turkey Trot 2K/5K Registration
 10 adults (\$50 x 10 = \$500) + 15 children (\$30 x 15 = \$450) = \$950
 Total budget request: \$13,005 - \$35 = \$12,970

Q5. Please enter estimated attendance for the following groups.

UC Davis Students	280
UC Davis Staff	5
Faculty	5
Other (please specify and include number)	225 children

Q31. If this event does not receive funding or receives only partial funding, how will the event be impacted?

Yes, though we might not be able to offer all of the program components or serve as many students.

Q6. Who is the target audience of the event/ program? (e.g. students, program participants, users of a specific service)

The target audience are student parents and their families.

Q7. What program, activity, or service will be provided? (e.g. six-week training program, instructional class or activity, structured community program that exposes students to new ideas and experiences)

In-person Student Parent Orientation; Quarterly Kids Night Out Program; Family Field Trips to Bobby Dazzler’s and the Sacramento Zoo; UrbanSitter Gift Cards to find and pay for babysitters; registration in the Turkey Trot 2K/5K

Q10. How does the event/ program provide services that are of growing interest to students? (if applicable)

With the hiring of the Transfer Retention Specialist at the TRC to focus on the needs of student parents, the publication of the 2019 UCOP report on parenting students, the 2021 UC Parenting Students Workgroup report, and the passage of AB 2881 in 2023 and the GAINS act in 2024 promoting the rights of parenting students, there is evidence of an increasing emphasis placed on supporting the success of student parents.

Q11. How does the event/ program foster diversity, equity, and inclusion? (if applicable)

Student parents represent an incredibly diverse group of students with multiple intersecting identities. Student parents are more likely to be female, students of color, older, first generation, veterans, immigrants, and from low income backgrounds (NCES, 2020). For example, for 2024-2025 the undergraduate student parent racial breakdown was 29% Hispanic/Latinx/Chicanx, 17% Asian and Pacific Islander, 36% White, 10% Black/African-American, 7% American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 1% Unknown, which is more racially diverse than the overall UC Davis student population. Thus, offering this service for student parents provides a valuable resource for a potentially vulnerable and underserved population of students.

Q12. How does the event/ program provide crucial services to students? (if applicable)

There is currently no centralized budget for student parent programs. Various departments (Transfer and Reentry Center, Women’s Resources and Research Center, and Family Housing) contribute from their separate budgets, but without COSAF funds we would not be able to offer these programs. Furthermore, without the ability to offer children’s activities during the programs, student parents would likely not be able to attend.

Q32. How does the event/program benefit a large range of student population?

There are approximately 1,200 student parents at UC Davis. They are in all four Colleges, and the Schools of Education, Nursing, Veterinary Medicine, Law, Management, and Medicine.

Q13. Has your Department/ Unit/ Student Organization put on this event in the past?

- Yes

Q14. Please provide the following information on the previous event(s).

Event date(s) (Month(s)/ Date(s) / Year)	Turkey Trot: 11/23/24; Urban Sitter Gift Cards 2024-2025
Location	Route around Davis; in the homes of student parents and caregivers
Total attendance	40

Q15. How was the success of the event measured?

Surveys, email responses, conversations at the event; other portions of the previously funded Wellness Program occurred as well, with additional attendance numbers of 40 for a total of 80

Q33. If this is an annual event, is there a change to funding from previous years?

- Yes

Q34. If Yes, what is the change?

Last year we received \$14,120 and we are currently requesting \$12,970, which is a decrease by \$1,150. In revising our approach we are able to serve more students with less funds.

Q35. If this is an annual event, is there a substantive change to the program agenda from previous years?

- Yes

Q36. If Yes, what is the change?

We added the In-person Orientation, Kids Night Out, and Family Field Trips; and took out the Group Fitness Class, KidsPark, and Aggie Cash Cards

Embedded Data:

N/A

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM COSAF | 2025-26

Name of Event/Program:

Student Parent Support Programs

Name of Department/Unit/Student Organization:

Transfer and Reentry Center

Program Date(s) in 2025-26: **2025-2026**

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	SUB-TOTAL
FACILITY: Room Rental, Room Set-Up, Equipment Rental, Audio/Video		
1. Room rental, setup, and AV for the SCC Multipurpose Room	\$ 1,500.00	
2. Room reservation fee (paid for by the TRC)	\$ 35.00	
3.	\$	
4.	\$	
5.	\$	
6.	\$	\$ 1,535.00
FOOD: Refreshments, Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (include estimated cost per person)		
7. Meal for 100 people for Student Parent Orientation	\$ 2,500.00	
8.	\$	
9.	\$	
10.	\$	
11.	\$	
12.	\$	\$ 2,500.00
PERFORMERS, GUEST SPEAKERS, HONORARIA		
13. Kids Night Out with Youth Programs (\$25/child for 20 children, once a quarter)	\$ 1,500.00	
14.	\$	
15.	\$	
16.	\$	
17.	\$	
18.	\$	\$ 1,500.00
PUBLICITY/MARKETING: Flyers, Posters, Advertising, Mailing, Printing		
19.	\$	
20.	\$	
21.	\$	
22.	\$	
23.	\$	
24.	\$	\$ 0.00
SUPPLIES: Decorations, Online Tools, Software, Licenses		
25. 15 \$100 Urbansitter gift cards	\$ 1,500.00	
26. 15 \$80 3-month Access memberships	\$ 1,200.00	
27. 15 \$8 service fee	\$ 120.00	
28. Supplies for Student Parent Orientation Children's Activities	\$ 100.00	
29. 40 \$25 Aggie Cash Cards for program volunteers	\$ 1,000.00	
30. Turkey Trot Registration	\$ 950.00	\$ 4,870.00
TRAVEL: Transportation, Parking, Lodging		
31. 40 Person Group Admission Tickets to the Sacramento Zoom	\$ 600.00	
32. 40 Person Group Package at Bobby Dazzler's (Tent, Pumpkins, Cow Train)	\$ 1,000.00	
33. Coach bus to Sacramento Zoo	\$ 1,000.00	
34.	\$	
35.	\$	
36.	\$	\$ 2,600.00

Total Amount Requested from COSAF: \$ 12,970.00
