# Illuminating Student Parent Efforts

San Diego Mesa College and Generation Hope's Family U Cohort



## Why Basic Needs?

#### • AB 132

- Establishment of Basic Needs Coordinators, Centers, Supports
  - Food
  - Housing
  - Childcare
  - Technology
  - Transportation
  - Physical Health/Toiletries
  - Mental Health
- AB 2881
  - Student Parents
    - Priority Registration
    - Schools Must Identify Student Parents
  - Basic Needs mandated to provide information:
    - California Earned Income Tax Credit
    - Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC)
    - CalFresh /SNAP

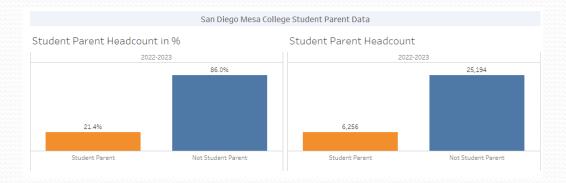




### Family U Cohort Program

- The Team
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  - Alexis Primo

- The Work Plan
  - Data Student Parent Data
  - Policy
  - People
  - Culture





# Family U Cohort Program

- Benefits/Outcomes
  - Increased data regarding student parent
  - Increased student parent visibility
  - Increased Student Parent spaces and places
  - Appropriate support services and workshops
  - Increased understanding of policies
  - Training regarding student parent population.
  - Campus Partnerships
  - Increased Enrollment and Retention
  - Student Parent Fellow





- Family U Seal
  - National Certification
  - Only California College



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#### DATA-

#### Student Parent Work is Racial Equity Work

- National Demographics\*
  - Student Parents are more likely to be low income
  - 42% of Student Parents attending college are attending a Community College
  - 60% Of Student Parents are 1st Generation
  - 51% are Students of Color
- Mesa Data
  - In 2022/23 academic year, 21.4%, or 6,256 students were parents.
  - 36.7% of student parents were full-time students, taking at least 12 semester units at SDCCD (Mesa, City, Miramar)
  - The proportion of degree-seeking students in parent population was 6.8% points higher.
  - Average course success rate of student parents was 7.7% points lower.
  - In 2021/2022, the proportion of low-income student in student parent population was higher (58.7%), compared to non-parent students (43.1%)

\*National Student Parent Survey Results and Recommendations: Uncovering the Student Parent Experience and its impact on College Students.





<u>Student Parent data at Mesa</u> (Data Dashboard)

#### **Please Participate in the Survey**

**Student Version** 







#### Policies

- Title IX
  - Pregnant and parenting students
- District Policies (Pg 97)
  - Minor children who are not enrolled are not permitted in any classroom at any time.
  - Minor children who are not enrolled are not to be left unattended at any time while on the campus.



#### **People and Culture - Hiring**

- Proposed Hiring Question
  - As the, (position title), you are expected to instill equity-minded practices working with populations such as Student Parents, Dreamers, EOPS, Cal Works, and Foster youth. Please provide an example of how you have executed equity-minded practices.





#### People and Culture – Student Parent Fellow

- Alexis Primo
  - Impact of Student Parent Fellowship
  - Advocacy Projects
  - Reflection



Alexis Primo
FamilyU Student Parent Fellow
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#### People and Culture – Campus Partnerships





The Dr. Pamela T. Luster Resource Center





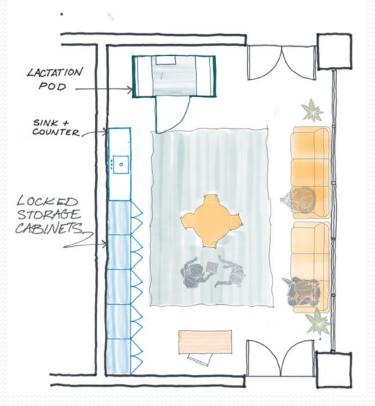
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#### People and Culture – Spaces and Places

- Family Resource Room LRC Spring 2024
- Small areas in community space with children's furniture
- Play equipment on the Mesa Quad
- Highchairs in MC





#### Thank You!





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