



Faculty Council of Community Colleges

Resolution in Support for Campus Child Care Funding ASA1: 2014 - 2015

Passed Unanimously on October 11, 2014

Whereas SUNY child care centers provide quality care for over 5,000 children at 55 centers across the state, 33 of which are situated at community colleges, and

Whereas of the 5,000 children served, approximately one-third are children of student parents, one-third children of faculty and staff and one-third children from the community and

Whereas community college child care centers provide invaluable experience for students in early childhood education programs by serving as field placement sites, and

Whereas the shift in the demographics of community college students has resulted in more non-traditional adult students with the potential need for increased child care services, and

Whereas without access to community college child care centers, many potential adult students would not be able to pursue a college education, and

Whereas nationally 30% of the community college students are parents; and

Whereas SUNY's campus based child care services provide incalculable life long benefits to these constituencies as well as contributing to economic development by providing employment opportunities for over 1,000 citizens, and

Whereas the opportunity for affordable campus child care services for New York State's citizens has been compromised by the reduction of \$653,000 in the 2014 - 2015 proposed Executive budget, and

Whereas the Child Care and Development Block grant has been reduced by nearly \$900,000 for community colleges over the course of the past five years making it more difficult for student parents to receive access to child care services, be it therefore

Resolved that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges and the Student Assembly of the State University of New York urge the members of the New York State Legislature and all necessary parties to support an increase of \$1,000,000 to offset the declining revenues from past cuts to both the Operating Grant and the Child Care and Development Block Grant.