



**Faculty Council of Community Colleges
Resolution in Support of Child Care Center Funding
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Passed by the FCCC Executive Committee
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WHEREAS SUNY currently has 46 child care centers, 25 of which are situated at community colleges, that must be adequately staffed with people who must, at least, make minimum wage, and

WHEREAS 18 SUNY campuses currently lack on-site child care centers, and

WHEREAS of the children served by SUNY child care centers, 32% are the children of student parents of which approximately 50% are utilizing the Childcare and Development Block Grant, and

WHEREAS New York State's increase in minimum wage represents an increase in the cost of employing child care workers, and

WHEREAS the child care centers cannot raise tuition in proportion to the rising minimum wage because the majority of the student parents would not be able to afford higher tuition, and

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

WHEREAS without access to community college child care centers, many student parents would not be able to pursue, persist in, and complete a college education, and

WHEREAS Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 states:

Educational programs and activities that receive ED funds must operate in a nondiscriminatory manner. Some key issue areas in which recipients have Title IX obligations are: recruitment,

admissions, and counseling; financial assistance...treatment of pregnant and parenting students, and¹

WHEREAS many child care centers have waiting lists because they cannot afford to hire the additional staff necessary to meet the demand, and

WHEREAS community college child care centers provide invaluable applied learning opportunities for students in programs including, but not limited to, business, culinary arts, human services, early childhood education, nursing, and physical education programs, and

WHEREAS the Child Care and Development Block grant has been reduced by 55 percent, nearly \$2 million, over the last ten years, despite the rising need for student parents to receive access to child care services, be it therefore

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges commends Governor Kathy Hochul and all necessary parties for their recognition of the needs of child care centers within SUNY and their pledged commitment to support initiatives that “provide childcare at all SUNY/CUNY campuses by expanding childcare to all SUNY and CUNY campuses;” and

RESOLVED that the Faculty Council of Community Colleges urges the SUNY Chancellor and the SUNY Board of Trustees to continue their commitment to the expansion, continuation, and support of SUNY’s child care centers.

¹ <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/rights/reg/ocr/edlite-34cfr106.html#S40>