

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

The Honorable Robert Aderholt  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education, and Related Agencies  
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education, and Related Agencies  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you work to draft the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 appropriations bill, we request that you provide robust funding for the Child Care Access Means Parents in School (CCAMPIS) program. The CCAMPIS program helps to meet the urgent needs of student parents enrolled in higher education, working to attain a college degree or workforce training to provide economic security for themselves and for their children.

More than 4 million students are parenting while in college, including 18% of undergraduates (or about 3.1 million students)<sup>[1]</sup> and 28% of graduate students (about 1 million)<sup>[2]</sup>. Student parents struggle to pay for child care services on top of tuition, fees, and other costs. Unfortunately, most students are not able to access existing child care programs, their options are often unaffordable, and child care centers located on campus are rare or have substantial wait lists. To help address these challenges, the CCAMPIS program supports campus-based child care programs primarily serving the needs of low-income students. Data collected from individual institutions shows that CCAMPIS helped to double and even triple student parents' degree-attainment rates.

The current levels of funding for CCAMPIS are only able to meet a tiny fraction of student demand for affordable and high-quality on-campus child care. This new investment provides an opportunity to continue to address some of the vast unmet demand for on-campus child care from millions of students who are parents.

We urge you to prioritize funding for the CCAMPIS program as part of the FY 2026 appropriations measure. Providing adequate child care resources to student parents will help to improve both college completion and affordability. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
[[Signatures]]

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[1] <https://www.acenet.edu/Documents/Student-Parent-Data.pdf>

[2] [https://studentparentaction.org/assets/r-file/4-Graduate-Student-Parents\\_final.pdf](https://studentparentaction.org/assets/r-file/4-Graduate-Student-Parents_final.pdf)