

UMassAmherst

Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program

What is CCAMPIS?

The CCAMPIS Program (Child Care Access Means Parents in School) at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMass Amherst) is a federally funded Department of Education program that provides child care subsidies to qualified undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled part-time or full-time at the Amherst campus. Subsidies range from 45%-90% of child care costs not otherwise covered by child care vouchers or other child care subsidies.

Why CCAMPIS?

The goal of CCAMPIS is to support student parents as they progress toward their educational goals by reducing the burden of child care costs. The CCAMPIS Program provides subsidies for eligible child care expenses and provides targeted resources and advisement to participants while they pursue degrees. The CCAMPIS Program Coordinator is available to help participants troubleshoot challenges by finding the institutional and community resources and supports that will help students overcome obstacles.

Acceptance into the CCAMPIS Program has numerous benefits. The program will subsidize up to 90% of the costs of approved childcare during the academic year. Subsidies for summer childcare may also be available. Once accepted into the CCAMPIS Program, students will receive a welcome packet with confirmation of their approved child care subsidy, a participation agreement to sign and return as well as information about upcoming events and activities.

Eligibility for CCAMPIS:

To qualify for the CCAMPIS Program at UMass Amherst, student parents must meet three basic criteria:

1. Be enrolled at UMass Amherst as an undergraduate or graduate student on a part-time or full-time basis
2. Meet the income eligibility criteria for program participants – similar to Pell grant income eligibility - determined by the Financial Aid Services
3. Utilize a child care provider or facility that is licensed and nationally accredited or one that is actively pursuing this accreditation

To maintain eligibility, CCAMPIS participants agree to:

- Attend one workshop per semester presented by the CCAMPIS or Student Parent Programs staff (includes online programming.)
- Stay in touch with the CCAMPIS Program Coordinator on a regular basis via email and/or phone, and meet in-person or via zoom once a semester.
- Maintain good academic standing to progress to graduation.
- Stay involved in their child(ren)'s education by volunteering a couple of hours per year in their child's school or daycare facility, if possible, and attend their school or facility's parent-teacher conferences.

To learn more about the CCAMPIS Program at UMass, contact Kara Knott, CCAMPIS Program Coordinator, at ccampis@umass.edu.