

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 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 funding 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 find child care and 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 reimburse up to 90% of the costs of approved childcare for the 2018-2019 academic year. The program will also arrange to pay approved providers directly for up to 90% of childcare expenses for the 2019-2020 academic year. Funding for summer childcare may also be available. Once approved for CCAMPIS funding, students will receive a welcome packet with confirmation of approved refund for the 2018-2019 childcare expenses as well as information about funding for the coming academic year.

Applying for CCAMPIS for GEO student parents:

If you have already completed an application for child care assistance through GEO, you will not need to fill out an additional application for CCAMPIS. Our office will work with GEO to identify students who may be eligible for our funding. Our staff will reach out to you via email to confirm interest in CCAMPIS funding and verify eligibility.

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
3. Utilize a child care provider or facility that is licensed and nationally accredited or one that is actively pursuing this accreditation

In addition, participants agree to stay in touch with the CCAMPIS Program Coordinator on a regular basis via email, phone and in-person. Participants also agree to attend one workshop per semester presented by the CCAMPIS staff.

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