## Students with Children



At Lee College, we recognize that the first priority of students with children is to their families. That is why we are here to support you throughout your educational journey and to help make your many responsibilities easier to manage.

#### **Resources for Students With Children**

Many resources are available to students with children.

- <u>Childcare Assistance</u>: Childcare assistance is available to all currently enrolled students. Students can apply to receive assistance to help them pay childcare tuition while they attend classes. Applications are available before each semester on the student's myLC portal.
- Health Care/Mental Health Support
  - # Mental Health Counselor: Linda Torrez-Mann is a licensed professional counselor and chemical dependency counselor through the state of Texas. For more information or to complete the self-referral, see <u>Mental Health Counselor</u>.
  - # Timely Care: Lee College students have FREE, 24/7 access to virtual care services with TimelyCare — the virtual health and well-being platform from TimelyMD, designed for college students. Students do not need insurance to access TimelyCare services. For more information, see <u>Mental Health</u> Resources.

#### Academic Support

- **Learning Hub:** Offers free tutoring and supplemental instruction.
- **# Gil and Maudene Chambers Writing and Communication Center**
- # Math Lab

#### Food Resources:

- SRAC Food Pantry: A food supply of non-perishable items is available for all Lee College students in need. We also have a limited selection of personal care items and baby items.
- 2. <u>Food for Change Scholarship Program</u>: The Food for Change Scholarship program offers Lee College students an opportunity to receive fresh food items at Hearts and Hands of Baytown at no cost, twice per month. Students may

receive up to 60 pounds of food per visit, including produce, meat, dairy, and non-perishable food items.

- Clothing Resources: A small selection of adult and children's items are available
- Transportation Assistance
  - # Gas Cards: Available once per month
  - # Harris County Transit Bus Passes: Available in individual or monthly passes
- Emergency Aid Funding: Have you had an unexpected expense that may affect your ability to continue at Lee College? Whether it is a flat tire, a bill that needs to be paid, or help with rent, please fill out the emergency aid application through your myLC portal. After your application has been submitted, you will be contacted by a member of our team within 48 business hours, to set up an appointment to discuss your situation further. Emergency aid funding available to each student is limited; however, SRAC staff members will work with you to connect you to outside resources and financial aid.
- <u>Financial Aid</u>: The mission of the Financial Aid office is to provide assistance for our students to pay for Lee College expenses and some living expenses whenever possible.
- Scholarships: Scholarships are available through the Lee College Foundation for both tuition and textbooks, and they are awarded annually to help students cover academic expenses. Scholarships are available for all students, regardless of their area of study.

#### **Connect with Your Peers**

For more information on any of these, contact Brenda Garcia at 281.425.6492 or bgarcia@lee.edu.

- Single Parent Success Program: The purpose of the Single Parent Success Program is to connect single parents with campus and community resources, help you build a network between other single parents at Lee College, and ultimately achieve your academic and career goals. Full-time (12 credit hours or more) students will be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship and part-time (less than 12 credit hours) students will be eligible for a \$500 scholarship at the end of the semester if they meet all of the guidelines of the program.
- **Support Group:** The SRAC hosts a monthly support group for single parents, which is led by Linda Torrez-Mann, Mental Health Counselor at Lee College
- **Family Events:** The SRAC hosts different fun, family friendly events throughout the year. Some examples of previous events: Parent Expo, Valentine's Day crafting, an egg hunt, and Cookies with Santa.

### **Family-Friendly Spaces**

There are several places on campus intended for students with families. Inside the Student Center you can find:

- Family-Friendly Study Space: A family friendly study space where parenting students can study while keeping a close eye on their children while they play.
- Wellness Room: A private room for lactating students and employees to pump.
- **Book Baskets:** Child-friendly books are available for children to read while parents visit with faculty or staff members. Children may keep the books.

These baskets are also located around campus and in some faculty offices.

# Liaison Officer for Students who are Pregnant and/or Parenting Children Younger Than 18

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