

# Student Parent Childcare Needs



The Student Parent Association

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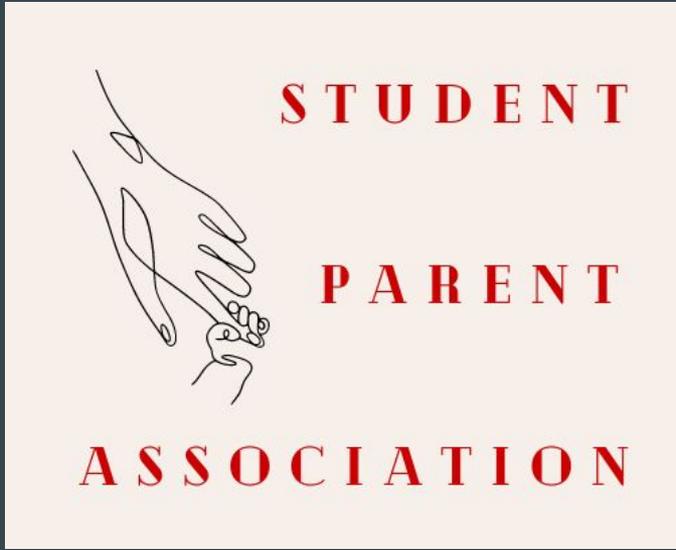


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**\$3020 per month**  
(\$36,244 per year)  
**Almost double my stipend!**



We connect, support, inform,  
and advocate for pregnant  
and parenting students.

Join the SPA or our babysitting  
network.



We need your help!

Consider endorsing our proposal.

# Questions?

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# Lack of Childcare Benefits for **Student** Parents

- **Bright Horizons** subsidy limited to faculty, staff, postdocs
- Most (66%) other partnered vendors won't offer benefits to student parents
- No on-campus center unlike other similar large land-grant universities



<https://benefits.hr.ncsu.edu/childcare-resources/>

# We're Facing Financial Insecurity

- On average, NC State student parents spend ~25% of annual household income on childcare
- Childcare compounds financial issues that students face
- Risk of drop out

**Attempted Actions:** Graduate School “Working Group for Student Parent Solutions” (2021-2022)

## Recommended Actions (by fall 2024)

1. Extend Bright Horizons subsidy to student parents.
2. Acknowledge student parents as vulnerable population - strategic plan.
3. Form a university-wide task force to review current benefits, establish new benefits for student parents.

## Recommended Actions (by fall 2025)

1. Create sustainable long-term financial support for student parents
2. Establish new partnerships with cheaper childcare vendors
3. Require existing/future partners to extend benefits to student parents
4. Curate child-friendly spaces on campus
5. Explore alternative care networks
6. Explore on-campus childcare center opportunities



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