

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON

CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTERS

UH Children’s Learning Centers

SFAC FY2025 One Time Request

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Student parent child care tuition assistance	\$276,480
Total-	\$276,480

The UH Children’s Learning Centers (CLC) is requesting \$276,480 in FY2025 to support:

- 40 eligible low-income student parents per semester (48 weeks) at a 50-70 percent reduction in costs (partially covered by CCAMPIS/CCRF funding in previous years). Below is a chart illustrating the weekly cost of child care for student parents with the reduction in costs.

Weekly Child Care Tuition Costs 2023-2024				
Full-Time Care	Student Rate	50% Reduction	60% Reduction	70% Reduction
Infant Room	\$290	\$145	\$116	\$87
Toddler Rooms	\$240	\$120	\$96	\$72
Pre-K Rooms	\$200	\$100	\$80	\$60

Student parents struggle with paying for quality child care while also pursuing a degree fulltime. It leaves little time for a fulltime job, resulting in decreased income as one CLC parent explains:

“When I first applied to the GCSW, I was under the impression that there would be financial stability from my then job, of ten years. During my senior year of the BSW program, the company I worked for, decided to close the location where I was employed. Although the decision was not an easy one, graduate school remained a priority during this transition in my life. Fortunately, I have been able to find a part-time job that will allow me to pursue my master’s degree. Along with being on campus for scheduled courses and studying, I will also be embarking on an unpaid internship that will require me to be in an agency 2-3 days a week. As a part-time worker, full-time mother and student, this is where the need for SFAC Child Care Tuition will be of assistance. Receiving this assistance will allow me to focus more on my studies, which will better the livelihood of many, like myself, my two children, and future clients I will serve once I receive my second degree.” -M.D. (Excerpt from SFAC application essay)

An article from *Education Trust*, stated that a student parent would need to work anywhere from 30 to 90 hours per week, on average, to cover child care and tuition costs at a public college or university in the U.S. (1). Providing student parents with the opportunity to afford an accessible, quality early learning program for their children often results in life changing experiences for the entire family. With SFAC’s increased support, more student parents will be able to spend additional time focused on their own studies while their children build a strong foundation for learning at CLC.

The UH Children’s Learning Centers (CLC) recently completed the 4 year (2018-2022) federal Child Care Access Means Parents In School (CCAMPIS) grant cycle from the Department of Education. These funds were no longer available after September 30, 2022. CLC received \$558,988 annually from CCAMPIS to assist the CLC budget in the following ways: (a) helping UH Student Parents, with children enrolled at CLC, in paying for the weekly child care tuition costs and support services; (b) helping with the costs of hiring CLC/UH Student Employees to maintain developmentally appropriate teacher: child ratio in the classrooms to meet accreditation standards; (c) helping to provide staff training opportunities as required by Texas Child Care Licensing/National accreditation; and (d) helping with accreditation materials for the classrooms.

In addition, CLC received \$1,256,480.00 (September 2022-November 2023) in Child Care Relief Funds (CCRF 2022) from the Texas Workforce Commission. Funds can be used towards Payroll and personnel costs; Rent or mortgage, insurance, and utilities; Facilities maintenance; Personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies and services; Equipment and supplies; and Other goods and services. CLC used a portion of the CCRF funds to support the programs previously funded through CCAMPIS (UH Student Parent Tuition Assistance, Student Employee Salaries, Staff training, and classroom materials). This funding is no longer available after November 30, 2023.