UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTERS

UH Children's Learning Centers

SFAC FY2024 One Time Request

| FY2024 One Time Funding Reque | st |
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| Student parent child care tuition assistance | \$276,480.00 |
| Student employee salaries | \$231,250.00 |
| Student employee benefits (1%) | \$2,313.00 |
| 6% Administration Fee- | \$14,014.00 |
| Total- | \$524,057.00 |

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 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.

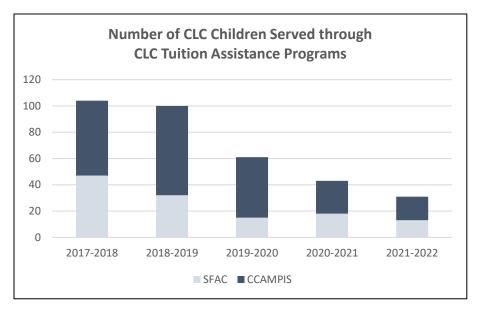
While this impacts CLC's budget for FY2024, CLC did receive \$942,360 (September 2022-May 2023) in Child Care Relief Funds (CCRF 2022) from the Texas Workforce Commission. Funds can be used towards Payroll and personnel costs; Rent or mortgage, insurance, and utilities; Facilities maintenance; Personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies and services; Equipment and supplies; and Other goods and services. CLC will use 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).

CLC is requesting \$276,480 in FY2024 to fund:

 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 2021-2022 | | | | | |
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| 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 | |

Prior to COVID-19, CLC supported annually over 100 children of student parents with child care tuition assistance through the SFAC and CCAMPIS programs. CLC saw a 50% decrease in student parent enrollment in fall 2020 due to the pandemic; however, student parents remained the highest users.



CLC is also requesting \$233,563.00 in FY2024 to fund:

• 25 student employee positions (20 hrs./wk. for 50 weeks at \$9.25/hr; plus 1% benefits) which were covered by CCAMPIS/CCRF funding in previous years.

CLC saw a drastic decrease in the number the student employees due to the pandemic closures and UH's instructional flexibility options which resulted in many students not returning to campus in person until fall 2021. CLC is beginning to see an increase in student employee applications for FY2023.

