THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT:

Showing student parents that you are ready and waiting for them.
We acknowledge the land on which we gather and occupy during the 2019 NASPA Western Regional Conference as the traditional home of the tribal nations listed below. Without them, we would not have access to this gathering and to this dialogue. We take this opportunity to thank the original caretakers of this land.

Multnomah
Kathlamet
Clackamas
Tumwater

Watlala
Chinook
Tualatin
Kalapuya
In this presentation we will...

1. Share information about students with children on our campuses
2. Learn about OSU’s Family Resource Center and how OSU is supporting student parents through the built environment—both our physical spaces and our programs and services
3. Think creatively about collaborations and opportunities to create built environments for student parents
The Why: Student Parents

• Removing barriers to campus access, retention & graduation
• Creating a sense of belonging
• Child care centers are not the only solution
• Growing population
  • How do we identify student parents?

Mom working on laptop with baby in lap
What do you know about the student parents on your campus?
Welcome to OSU’s Family Resource Center

• Two Campus Children’s Centers
• Two Short Term Drop-In Child Care Centers, no cost
• Lactation Supports & Services
• Child Care Assistance Funds
• Advocacy for Campus Families
• Events & Celebrations
• Education & Outreach

Family Friendly Spaces at Champinefu Lodge
OSU’s Built Environment: OLV|Dixon

- Partnership with our rec center
  - Increase student parent participation at Dixon
  - Allows students to be able to leave

- Open 47.5 hr/wk- FREE!
  - Mainly evening & weekends

- Costs
  - Annual: $75,000
  - Start-up: $23,000

Entrance to Our Little Village|Dixon
More OLV | Dixon Pictures...

Hallway/Stairs view of OLV|Dixon

Under staircase view of OLV|Dixon

Handwashing & Diapering station
OSU’s Built Environment: Family Lounges

Memorial Union

• Central historical building. Heart of campus activities
• Large lounge with two smaller ones off to the side
• Space for studying & play space for children
• FRC hosts some events in the space
• Start-up Cost: $2,500
How can your campus environment be structured, both physically and programmatically, to support students with children?
The How: It takes a village

Key Partners:
• Dixon Recreation Center
• Memorial Union
• Student Fee Committee/Associated Students of OSU
• Valley Library
• New Student Programs
• Office of Work Life
• University Housing & Dining
• Facilities Services
• Financial Aid
• International Programs
• Parking Services

Finding allies
• Vice Provost for Student Affairs
• Human Resources
• School of Language Culture & Society

Spreading the word
• Elevator Speech: compelling student parent snapshot in under 5 minutes
• Committees on campus
• Research: IWPR and Institutional Research
Who on your campus can help you spread the word and be a partner/ally?
Thank You!!

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