



PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENT SUPPORT PLAN

I. Supporting Your Success at Coppin State University

Coppin State University is committed to providing an educational environment in which pregnant and parenting students have equitable access to academic programs, activities, services, and opportunities.

Pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, lactation, and related medical conditions are protected under Title IX. The University also recognizes that students who are parents or caregivers may need information and support to successfully continue their education.

This Pregnant and Parenting Student Support Plan provides information about university accommodations, campus and community resources, health care services, childcare assistance, and government assistance programs available to pregnant and parenting students.

II. Pregnancy and Title IX Protections

Title IX prohibits discrimination based on sex, including discrimination based on pregnancy and related conditions. Coppin State University does not discriminate against a student because of pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, lactation, or related medical conditions.

Students who need assistance related to pregnancy or a related condition may contact the Office of Title IX Compliance to discuss their rights, available resources, and reasonable modifications.

Office of Title IX Compliance
Katsura Kurita, J.D./M.S.
Title IX Coordinator
Physical Education Complex (PEC), Room 224
2500 West North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216
Phone: 410-951-6543
Email: TitleIXCoordinator@coppin.edu
Alternate Email: kkurita@coppin.edu
Website: Coppin State University Office of Title IX Compliance
<https://www.coppin.edu/title9>

III. Pregnancy-Related Modifications and Support

Reasonable modifications may be available based on a student's individual needs related to pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, lactation, or related medical conditions.

Depending on the circumstances, modifications may include:

- Excused absences when medically necessary;
- Opportunities to make up missed coursework;
- Changes in physical space or seating;
- Breaks during class to attend to pregnancy-related health needs;
- Breaks to express breast milk or breastfeed;
- Access to lactation spaces;
- Academic adjustments when appropriate;
- Temporary accessibility-related modifications;
- Changes to University dining arrangements when appropriate and reasonably available; and
- Other reasonable modifications based on the student's individual circumstances.

The appropriate modification will depend on the student's individual needs and the essential requirements of the academic program or activity. The Title IX Coordinator will work with the student and appropriate University offices to identify and coordinate reasonable modifications.

Students seeking pregnancy-related modifications should contact:

Office of Title IX Compliance

Phone: 410-951-6543

Email: TitleIXCoordinator@coppin.edu

Physical Education Complex, Room 224

IV. Lactation Support

Coppin State University supports students and employees who are breastfeeding or expressing breast milk. Students may request reasonable break time and access to a clean, private space, other than a bathroom, for expressing breast milk or breastfeeding as required by applicable law.

For information about lactation spaces or to request assistance:

Office of Title IX Compliance

Phone: 410-951-6543

Email: TitleIXCoordinator@coppin.edu

Campus Lactation Space(s):

- Parlett L. Moore Library, Room 306. A key to the room may be requested at the Front Desk.
- Science and Technology Center, Room 112. Contact the Title IX Coordinator, by email at TitleIXCoordinator@coppin.edu or by phone at (410) 951-6543 for card access to the room.

V. Academic Support for Pregnant and Parenting Students

Eagle Achievement Center – Academic Advising

The Eagle Achievement Center provides centralized academic advising and student success support, including academic planning, coaching, registration assistance, and connections to campus resources.

Eagle Achievement Center – Advising
Parlett L. Moore Library, 4th Floor

Phone: 410-951-3500
Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
<https://www.coppin.edu/eac-advising>

VI. Financial Aid and Financial Support

Coppin State University Office of Financial Aid

Pregnant and parenting students are encouraged to contact the Office of Financial Aid regarding federal and State financial aid, grants, scholarships, loans, work-study, and other available financial assistance.

Office of Financial Aid
Miles Connor Administration Building, 1st Floor
Phone: 410-951-3636
Email: FinancialAid@coppin.edu
<https://www.coppin.edu/tuition-and-aid/office-financial-aid>

VII. Counseling and Accessibility Support

Center for Counseling and Accessibility

The Center for Counseling and Accessibility provides confidential counseling and mental health services as well as accessibility services for Coppin State University students.

Center for Counseling and Accessibility
Grace Hill Jacobs Building, 2nd Floor
Phone: 410-951-3939
Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Counseling Services – Room 212
<https://www.coppin.edu/counseling-services>

Accessibility Services – Room 208
<https://www.coppin.edu/accessibility-services>

Pregnancy itself is not a disability; however, some pregnancy-related conditions may qualify for additional protections or accommodations under applicable disability laws. Students may contact the Title IX Office and/or Accessibility Services for assistance in determining the appropriate support process.

VIII. On-Campus Health Care

Coppin State University Community Health Center

The Community Health Center is a primary care clinic located on Coppin State University's campus and provides accessible, low-cost health care to students, faculty, staff, and members of the surrounding community. Students should contact the Community Health Center directly regarding available services, appointments, referrals, and costs.

Community Health Center
Health and Human Services Building, Room 131
2500 West North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21216
Phone: 410-951-4188
Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
<https://www.coppin.edu/chc>

IX. Housing Support

Pregnant and parenting students living in University housing who need assistance related to housing should contact the Office of Title IX Compliance and/or Residence Life and Housing. Students requesting a pregnancy-related housing modification should first contact the Office of Title IX Compliance for assistance coordinating the request.

Office of Residence Life and Housing
Daley Hall, 1st Floor
Phone: 410-951-6399
Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
<https://www.coppin.edu/office-residence-life-and-housing>
<https://www.coppin.edu/student-life/housing-and-dining/office-housing>

X. Government Assistance Programs

Pregnant and parenting students may qualify for federal, State, or local assistance. Eligibility requirements vary by program.

A. Maryland Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)

Maryland WIC provides nutrition assistance, healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health and social services for eligible pregnant individuals, postpartum individuals, infants, and children under age five.

Maryland WIC Program

Phone: 1-800-242-4942 (1-800-242-4WIC)

Baltimore City WIC: 410-396-9427

<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/wic/Pages/home.aspx>

Apply for WIC:

<https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/wic/Pages/wic-apply.aspx>

B. Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program

The Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program provides financial assistance with child care costs to eligible Maryland families. Students attending school may qualify if they meet program eligibility requirements.

Child Care Scholarship Central 2

Phone: 1-877-227-0125

<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/child-care-scholarship-program>

Students should review current program eligibility and availability directly with the Maryland State Department of Education.

C. Maryland Medicaid and Medical Assistance

Maryland Medicaid provides health coverage to eligible Maryland residents, including eligible pregnant individuals, parents, children, and families.

Students can apply for Medicaid through Maryland Health Connection, a local health department, a local Department of Social Services office, or Maryland Benefits.

Maryland Health Connection: 1-855-642-8572

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/eligibility/Pages/apply.aspx>

D. Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP)

The Maryland Children's Health Program provides health coverage to eligible children and pregnant individuals who meet program eligibility requirements. Applications for Medicaid and MCHP may be submitted throughout the year.

Maryland Health Connection: 1-855-642-8572

<https://health.maryland.gov/mmcp/eligibility/Pages/apply.aspx>

E. Maryland Department of Human Services

The Maryland Department of Human Services provides access to a range of assistance programs, including:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA);
- Medical Assistance;
- Energy assistance;
- Child support services; and
- Other family support programs.

Maryland Department of Human Services

Phone: 1-800-332-6347

<https://dhs.maryland.gov/>

Students may use Maryland's online benefits system to determine eligibility and apply for available assistance.

F. Child Care Resources

- **Coppin State University Child Development Center of Goodwill**
The Coppin State University Child Development Center of Goodwill, located on campus next to the Henrietta Lacks Health and Human Services Building,

provides Early Head Start services for eligible infants and toddlers approximately six weeks through three years of age. The Center offers early childhood education, developmental support, and family-centered resources. Pregnant and parenting students are encouraged to contact the Center early for information about eligibility, enrollment, and availability. Enrollment is subject to eligibility requirements and available space.

Anissa Dillard

Preschool Director/Child Development Specialist, Coppin Early Head Start

Phone: (667) 262-6002, Ext. 2242

Email: adillard@goodwillches.org

Meagan Clemence

Early Head Start Director, Early Head Start of Goodwill

Phone: (410) 235-0555, Ext. 2233

Email: mclemence@goodwillches.org

Program Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

- **Maryland State Department of Education’s Division of Early Childhood**
Parenting students seeking childcare may use resources available through the Maryland State Department of Education's Division of Early Childhood.

The Maryland Child Care Scholarship Program can assist eligible families with childcare costs. The program may be used with participating childcare providers.

Child Care Scholarship Central 2: 1-877-227-0125

<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/child-care-providers/child-care-scholarship-program>

Maryland Child Care Options:

<https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/families/about-child-care/child-care-options>

Students are encouraged to contact providers directly regarding availability, cost, hours, age requirements, and enrollment.

G. Adoption Information and Resources

Students who are considering adoption or seeking adoption-related information may obtain information from the Maryland Department of Human Services.

Coppin State University does not direct or require a student to select any particular pregnancy outcome. Students seeking information may request resources appropriate to their individual circumstances.

Maryland Department of Human Services – Adoption Resources

Maryland licenses and monitors private child placement agencies that provide adoption-related services, including counseling, adoption information, placement services, and post-placement services.

Maryland Department of Human Services

Phone: 1-800-332-6347

Maryland Licensed Private Adoption Agencies:

<https://dhs.maryland.gov/adoption/private-adoption-agencies/>

Maryland DHS Licensed Provider Directory:

<https://dhs.maryland.gov/licensing-and-monitoring/provider-directories/>

Students seeking adoption information are encouraged to use State-licensed providers

XI. Health Care and Community Referral Network

Pregnant and parenting students may seek health care through University and community providers.

On-Campus

Coppin State University Community Health Center

Health and Human Services Building, Room 131

410-951-4188

<https://www.coppin.edu/chc>

Center for Counseling and Accessibility

Grace Hill Jacobs Building, 2nd Floor

410-951-3939

<https://www.coppin.edu/cca>

Off-Campus

The University maintains a referral network of community health care providers that may offer prenatal, postpartum, reproductive, pediatric, mental health, and other health-related services. Students seeking off-campus services may contact the Center for Counseling and Student Development or the Community Health Center for information and referrals to local providers.

Students are responsible for contacting off-campus providers directly to confirm available services, eligibility requirements, insurance coverage, costs, and appointment availability.

In a medical emergency, call **911** or go to the nearest emergency department.

XII. Pregnancy and Parenting Discrimination

Coppin State University is committed to helping pregnant and parenting students continue their education and access University programs, activities, services, and opportunities without discrimination. Students who believe they have experienced discrimination, harassment, or retaliation because of pregnancy or a related condition should contact:

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Students may also obtain information regarding Title IX from the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

References: Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; 34 C.F.R. Part 106; Maryland Education Article § 15-140; Maryland Chapters 734 and 735 (2026).

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