



Higher Education Should Be Accommodating

Policymakers can allocate funding for wraparound support services to accommodate

Working adult learners have different needs than traditional-aged students, and institutions can accommodate these learners by offering flexible, dynamic, and diverse services. Because working adult learners often manage multiple competing priorities,

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and 60% more likely than Latino learners,²⁵ to support the whole learner

Working adult learners are often caretakers and full-time employees. These roles are essential in addressing the

pausing their studies. Because of these additional life circumstances, policymakers can advocate for wraparound support services that address

For example, a parent working min



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Policy Recommendations in Action

Develop policies to increase wraparound support.

\$500.²⁸

States can help learners access federal funds such as the Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program, which allowed 287 institutions to establish childcare programs in 2020.²⁶ **Oregon** HB 2835 requires select state institutions to hire staff members who can help eliminate bureaucratic barriers to accessing financial benefits.²⁷

Support emergency financial aid programs.

Almost two-thirds of community college students cannot cover unexpected expenses over