

# Teaching and Learning Considerations for Single Parenting Students In Remote Learning Environments

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Single college students with children are an important and growing part of the undergraduate college population. As compared with their non-parenting counterparts, college students with children are more likely to work full time and to take longer to graduate, which means that they usually have a larger debt load.

College students with children are more likely to be female and low-income. However, with proper support, single college students with children can be just as successful as their non-parenting counterparts. Below, please find suggestions for supporting single college students with children during these unprecedented times.

Flexibility is warranted due to the following situations:

1. Single college students with children are more likely to be sharing computers, technology and space with their children. They may need to participate in hybrid synchronous / asynchronous class meetings in order to accommodate a more flexible schedule.
2. Children get ill, which often interrupts parents' ability to attend class and complete assignments in a timely fashion. Empathize and work with students to find creative solutions.
3. Title IX policies are still applicable for pregnant students. Please be in touch with the [Office of Investigations and Civil Rights Compliance](#) to determine appropriate accommodations.

**References:** Institute for Women's Policy Research (2018). Analysis of data from the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, 2015-16 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study. Retrieved from: <https://iwpr.org/publications/parents-college-numbers/>