

Abstract - San Antonio College Childcare Access Program (Existing)

San Antonio College (SAC) requests \$196,208 annually to provide affordable, high quality on-campus childcare, including infant care, to 24 low-income full-time students and 12 part-time students, and to provide 9 students with subsidized, accredited off-campus child care.

SAC, located in urban San Antonio, is the largest provider of post-secondary education in Bexar County, Texas. SAC enrolled 22,141 students during Fall 2004, 48.4% Hispanic, 42.7% Anglo, 4.6% African American, and 4.3% "Other". SAC's Child Development Center, co-located with its Child Development Program and a laboratory for the Department's curriculum, has 80 slots for low-income students, and has been continuously accredited since 1985. **SAC's existing CCAMPIS-subsidized childcare program** served 125 student parents from 2001 to 2004, with 11.2% receiving Associate's degrees and/or certificates.

The sliding scale fee at SAC's Child Development Center covers between 20% and 60% of the full fee of \$98/week (between 9% and 27% of the actual cost of \$220/week), Subsidies will serve approximately 80% of students in the highest subsidy category and about 10% in the other two subsidy categories.

CCAMPIS participant parents will be offered volunteer activities and parent support groups mandated by NAEYC, and will be required to attend 8 sessions a year of the "Precious Minds - Early Years" parenting curriculum developed with SAC faculty assistance for the Kronkosky Foundation. Sessions will be provided free of charge to parents by the Foundation.

An expected outcome for this project is that by September 30, 2006, the percentage of students whose children have received child care under this grant who are retained to the next semester or have graduated/transferred will exceed the college averages for retention, graduation, or transfer (Baseline: Spring 2004).