

Preparation is key to success

Leaving home and going away to college is a huge transition for every student on campus. Students who have children, while enrolled in college, have some unique concerns. This brochure is designed to help you access the resources you need to prepare for bringing your family to NIU and achieving academic success.



Creating a PLAN for Success

In order to create a smooth transition for your family it is vitally important to complete these following tasks **prior** to the start of the school year...

- ✓ Locate reliable & safe childcare providers
- ✓ Locate affordable housing
- ✓ Complete financial aid and any subsidy related paperwork

TIP 1: Establishing residency may be required to gain access to some county subsidized resources. Some students choose to leave their children with a loved one for their first semester of classes so they can secure these basic needs for their family. Other students may come to DeKalb and settle in prior to the beginning of the semester to meet residency requirements.

TIP 2: Part-time employment may be required to benefit from some subsidized resources. It is advisable that you apply for jobs in DeKalb or at NIU over the summer to increase the likelihood that you will secure employment prior to the beginning of Fall semester.

Childcare

Community Coordinated Child Care (4C's)

Provides financial subsidies for those who qualify and assists parents in the location of safe and reliable childcare providers.

155 N. Third St., Suite 300

DeKalb, IL 60115

(815) 758-8149 or (800) 848-8727

www.four-c.org/

On-campus Childcare Options

NIU Campus Childcare (815) 753-0125

(provides some childcare subsidies)

www.niu.edu/cc

Child Development Lab (815) 753-1150

www.chhs.niu.edu/fcns/facilities_services/child_development_lab

Other Childcare Programs

2 Rivers Head Start (815) 748-3713

(federally funded preschool program,
bus service for some services)

Salvation Army (815) 756-7470

(from 6 wks - 12 yrs of age, bus service
to and from public schools only)

YMCA (815) 756-9577

(after-school program, 1st - 5th graders,
subsidies thru 4C's, bus service provided)



Housing

DeKalb County Housing Authority

310 N 6th St. /PO Box 764

DeKalb, IL 60115

(815) 758-2692 Fax (815) 758-4190

www.dekcohousing.com

Section 8

Qualification for program can take 2 years.

(815) 758-0958 - bus #7

Subsidized Housing Options

Amber Manor: (815) 758-1010

Briarwood Apts: (815) 758-2960 (need car)

WDC Management: (630) 904-4157 (need car)

University Village: (815) 758-7859

Gideon Court: (815) 758-1320

Cortland Estates: (815) 758-2910 (need car)

Sycamore Green: (815) 895-9594 (need car)

Hope Haven: (815) 758-3166
(emergency temporary housing)

Homeless Prevention Program: (800) 843-6154

Family Housing On-Campus: (815) 753-1525
nothernview@niu.edu

Landlord & Tenant Regulations

NIU Legal Assistance: (815) 753-1701
www.niu.edu/legal/landlord.shtml

Protect Yourself by Reading Renters Ratings
www.apartmentratings.com

Child Support Enforcement: (800) 447-4278
www.ilchildsupport.com

Other Resources

Food Assistance Programs

New Hope Baptist Church pantry: (815) 756-7906
Bethlehem Lutheran Church pantry: (815) 758-3203
Salvation Army: (815) 756-4308
Sycamore Food Pantry: (815) 895-9113
Women, Infants & Children (WIC): (815) 748-2402
4C's Childcare Program: (815) 758-8149

Financial Assistance

Illinois Dept of Human Services: (815) 895-8667
Social Security Administration: (800) 772-1213
LIHEAP (utilities): (815) 758-3835
Car Safety Seat Loan: (815) 758-6673
Salvation Army: (815) 756-4308
NIU Scholarship Office: (815) 753-4829

Programming for Children

Big Brothers & Big Sisters: (815) 758-8616

Clothing

Kishwaukee CC Career Closet: (815) 825-2086 /343
Salvation Army: (815) 758-3814

Employment

IETC (Illinois Employment & Training Center):
(815) 756-4893
NIU Human Resources: (815) 753-1394
www.hr.niu.edu
Experience Works: (?) 756-3939 ext 264
First Institute: (?) 756-4893 ext 239
NIU Career Planning & Placement: (815) 753-1641

Transportation

NIU Huskie Bus Line: (815) 758-6900
Trans Vac: (815) 758-6641
Med Vac: (815) 758-3932

Healthcare

Family Center: (815) 753-1684
Psychological Service Center: (815) 753-0591
Ben Gordon Center: (815) 756-4875
Counseling & Student Development Center:
(815) 753-1206
Safe passage: (815) 756-5228
(sexual assault & domestic violence
counseling & shelter)
Tri-County Community Clinic: (815) 753-9010
(income based fee scale used)
DeKalb Co. Health Dept. (815) 758-6673
(family planning, vaccinations & WIC)
Delta Dental: (800) 323-1743
Poison Control Center: (800) 222-1222
Well Child Program: (815) 748-2460

Campus Support Resources

Many support services are available to assist you and to help you network with other college students who are raising children. Call you . . .

CHANCE Counselor at (815) 753-0201
www.chance.niu.edu/singleparent.html

College Parents' Group

Women's Resource Center: (815) 753-0320
Student Support Services: (815) 753-1142



CHANCE Program
Williston Hall East
DeKalb, IL 60115-2854
(815) 753-0201 & toll free (800) 892-3050 ext. 3

Students as Parents in College

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CHANCE Program