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Parental Involvement

Parenting styles we’ve observed…
Helicopter Parents
E-parents
The Tandem Journey
Consultant Extraordinaire!
Parent and Family Affairs

Creating an effective partnership with parents

The mission of the Office of Parent and Family Affairs is to provide resources, services, and programs for parents and family members of undergraduate students that promote a constructive partnership to support student success.

Our goal is to offer support to you and provide you with the information you need so that you can be a good resource for your student.
Overview of Services

SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT for PARENTS/FAMILIES

Phone the Helpline: 301.314.8429
Send an email to terpfamily@umd.edu

WEB SITE: www.terpfamily.umd.edu (currently terpparent.umd.edu)

eCONNECTION newsletter & Terp family handbook

FAMILY WEEKEND: October 14 – 16, 2016

MARYLAND PARENT & FAMILY ASSOCIATION

ADVISORY COUNCIL
Helpful Tips

Involvement from parents and other family members that supports the development of students and assists them in becoming competent, confident, responsible, autonomous and self-actualized adults can only be helpful.

- Understand FERPA
We’d love to call you, but…

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Access to student records kept by the university is limited—this includes access to grade reports, transcripts, finances, counseling, health, and student conduct records.

Therefore, we cannot discuss the contents of records with any third party without written permission from the student.

Student can grant access by creating a Parent PIN.

This will allow any person with the PIN to view financial records, grades, class schedules, and unofficial transcripts.
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- Understand FERPA
- Set expectations for your students and hold them to these expectations
- Help your student to take ownership and responsibility for his or her actions
- **Avoid the urge to take care of the issue for your student**
- Encourage your students to be timely, accountable and advocate for themselves
- Be a resource
- **You may not have control, but you still have influence. Continue to talk to your student about alcohol, sexual misconduct, etc.**
- Be involved and stay connected!
"YES, MOTHER, I TOLD YOU, I'M DOING FINE ON MY OWN AT COLLEGE.... HEY, COULD YOU LOG ON AND FIND MY SCHEDULE, ORDER MY BOOKS AND CALL ME WHEN IT'S TIME FOR CLASS?"
Summer “homework”

- Parent Information Form
- AlcoholEdu
- Sexual misconduct prevention program
- Health insurance waiver
Remember…

- College is fun and challenging for students and parents. Enjoy it!
- Learn as much as you can today about the university and its resources. Making this connection will help you and your student.
- We’re here for you, too! Contact the Office of Parent and Family Affairs if you or your student need any assistance.

The best calls we receive:
“Help me to help my student” OR
“I’m just calling to make sure I’m pointing my student in the right direction…”