

Implementing Pregnant Student Support Services at Sacramento State

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PARENTS & FAMILIES PROGRAM

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APPLICATION OF THEORY TO IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM

Emergence, Culture, Bureaucracy Theory, and Institutional Theory

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Leader-Member Exchange (LMX) Theory

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RETENTION & EQUITY

Pregnant Student Support Services promote retention and equity for a marginalized population

Section 1: Sacramento State's Mission, Vision, Campus Imperatives, and Current Condition

CAMPUS IMPERATIVES

- student success
- philanthropy
- diversity and inclusion
- public safety
- community engagement
- commencement

BACKGROUND ON PREGNANT STUDENT SERVICES

- Diversity and Inclusion are important campus values
- Pregnant students marginalized/ invisible group
- Title IX Office and SSWD receive and reject service requests
- Rejection based differentiation
- Those offices requested Parents & Families support pregnant students

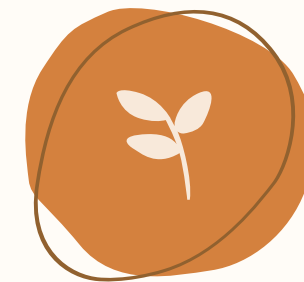


Section 2: Application of Emergence, Culture, Bureaucracy Theory, and Institutionalism to the current organizational needs



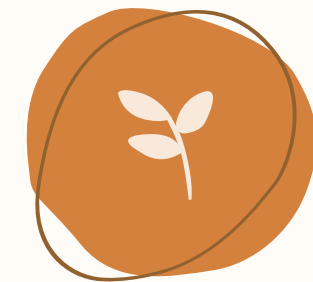
Emergence

Pregnant Student Support has emerged from the complex adaptive system of the university



P&F Culture

- Developmental Culture
- Negotiating Culture



Bureaucracy Theory

- Many rules, formal hierarchy
- Differentiation and siloed work



Institutional Theory

- Isomorphism and pressure to conform around traditional students
- Pregnant students' needs are different than the norm
- Pregnant students are legitimate and should be treated and served as legitimate students



Section 3: Pregnant Student Support Program grounded in Critical Theory, Critical Feminist Theory, and Scientific Management to Improve Success



CRITICAL THEORY

- ARE PREGNANT STUDENTS LEGITIMATE? THEY ARE POWERLESS AND ALIENATED.

CRITICAL FEMINIST THEORY

- LACK OF SERVICES AND SUPPORT IMPEDES PREGNANT STUDENTS' ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES (E.G. TIMELY GRADUATION)
- UNIVERSITY IS A SMALL MICROCOSM OF SOCIETY WITH A MALE-CENTRIC SYSTEM PRESENTED AS NEUTRAL

SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT

- IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM USING NEWPORT'S A WORLD WITHOUT EMAIL SYSTEM OF TASK MANAGEMENT
- AUTOMATE RECURRING TASKS TO FOCUS ON 1:1 RELATIONSHIPS AND MEETINGS

Pregnant Student Support Services



Case Management

- Pre-birth services
- After birth transition services



Advocacy

- Drafting and implementing campuswide academic policies that support pregnant and parenting students



Education

- Educating the campus community on the existence of, needs of, and services for pregnant students



Counting/ Tracking

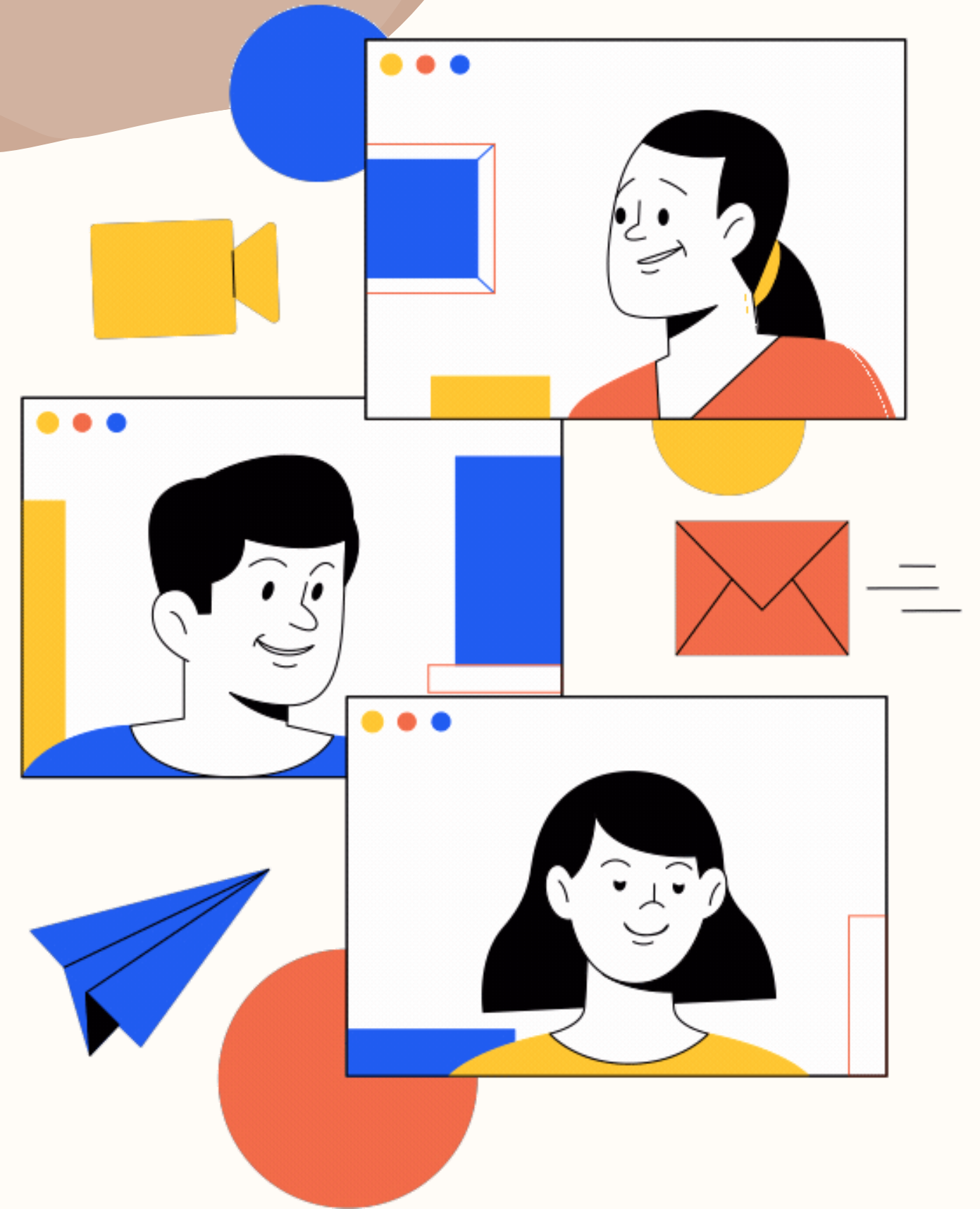
- How many students are pregnant at any given time?
- How many students are requesting assistance?



Section 4: Application of Leader Member Exchange Theory to Operationalize the Plan

A practical framework

- Dyad- and relationship-based
- Emergent; low-cost
- Happening now
- Include students and faculty in process
- Faculty and P&F can focus on larger mutual interests
- Natural interdependence
- My vision: as more students and faculty utilize the program and services, it will evolve into network level
- Challenges: slow; incremental impact



Section Five: Pregnant Student Support Plan Promotes Retention and Equity for a Marginalized Population

Pregnant Students are a Marginalized Population

- College students with children take 14 years on average to earn a BA
- student-parents are likely to be women of color (IWPR, 2018)
- This is true nationally and at Sac State



Appendix I: Sacramento State Enrolled Student Demographics Compared to Student-Parents

Enrollment		Sacramento State	Enrolled Student-Parents
		29,201	3,675
Gender	Women	56%	73%
Ethnicity	Hispanic	30%	25%
	White	27%	38%
	Asian	20%	12%
	Black	6%	13%
	2 or more races	6%	0%
	Pacific Islander	1%	0%
	American Indian	0%	0%
Pell Eligible %		48%	77%
Marital Status		unknown	52%
First-Generation		26%	Unknown, but 48% of CCAMPIS student-parents are first generation

Conclusion

Pregnant Student Support Services = So Possible!

A Pregnant Student Support program can:

- Provide academic continuity planning and help pregnant students know what to expect.
- Implement policies that:
 - proactively anticipate pregnant students' needs
 - make it easier for them to return to college after having a child, and
 - support them as parenting students.
- Empower a marginalized demographic (pregnant students).
- Demonstrate Sac State's commitment to campus imperatives (student success, inclusion, and commencement) for pregnant and parenting students.



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