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HOUSTON

CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTERS

UH Children's Learning Centers

SFAC FY2027 One Time Request

FY2027 One Time Funding Request	
Student parent child care tuition assistance	\$158,000.00
Total-	\$158,000.00

The Children's Learning Centers (CLC) is requesting **\$158,000.00** in FY2027 to support:

- 22 additional eligible low-income student parents per semester (48 weeks) at a 50-70 percent reduction in costs. Below is a chart illustrating the weekly cost of child care for student parents with the reduction in costs. In September 2025, CLC's weekly tuition rates increased by \$10.00 and the annual enrollment fee increased by \$105.00.

Weekly Child Care Tuition Costs 2025-2026				
Full-Time Care	Student Rate	50% Reduction	60% Reduction	70% Reduction
Infant Room	\$300	\$150	\$120	\$90
Toddler Rooms	\$250	\$125	\$100	\$75
Pre-K Rooms	\$210	\$105	\$84	\$63

CLC's tuition assistance program has steadily increased post-COVID. In FY23, CLC provided approximately 20 awards per semester totaling \$109,600.00; in FY24, approximately 35 awards per semester totaling \$167,000.00; and in FY25, approximately 40 awards per semester totaling \$236,157.00.

The financial need has increased over the years and families are receiving a higher percentage of discounts. Student parents struggle with paying for quality child care while also pursuing a degree fulltime as one CLC parent explains:

"Last semester, the SFAC assistance program provided me with a 60% reduction in childcare costs, enabling me to step away from my job and fully focus on my education. By reducing the financial burden, I was able to dedicate significantly more time to studying, attend all my classes consistently, and maintain strong academic performance throughout the semester. The ability to prioritize my education without the stress of balancing full-time work and childcare was transformative. I am proud to share that I achieved excellent grades, reaffirming my commitment to my academic and long-term career goals." N.G. (Excerpt from SFAC application essay)

An article from *Education Trust*, stated that a student parent would need to work anywhere from 30 to 90 hours per week, on average, to cover child care and tuition costs at a public college or university in the U.S. (1). Providing student parents with the opportunity to afford an accessible, quality early learning program for their children often results in life changing experiences for the entire family. With SFAC's increased support, more student parents will be able to spend additional time focused on their own studies while their children build a strong foundation for learning at CLC.