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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 affordable housing
- Locate reliable and safe childcare providers
- 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 the Fall semester.
Our purpose is to support, advocate, and create opportunities for college students who are parents.

College Parents’ Group (CPG) offers beneficial educational and social experiences for parents while including activities for their children. Parents are given the opportunities to:

- Work closely with NIU’s community and other professionals
- Learn how to advocate for their families and other student parents
- Support others as they strive for academic excellence
- Attend leadership conferences and retreats
- Gain knowledge about childcare and other low cost campus and community services

Raising Awareness, Access & Retention

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Weekly Meetings:
Times and locations may vary, please call (815) 753-7914 or visit www.niu.edu/studentsupport/cpg/

Faculty Advisor:
Ramona Walton
Associate Director
TRIO/Student Support Services
Room 403, Adams Hall
email: rwalton@niu.edu

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Community Coordinated Child Care (4C)

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

- 355 N. Third St., Suite 300
  DeKalb, IL 60115
  (815) 758-8149 or (800) 848-8727

On-Campus Childcare Options

Child Development Lab: (815) 753-1150
NIU Campus Childcare: (815) 753-0125

Other Childcare Programs

Children’s Learning Center
(815) 756-3506
DeKalb Montessori
(779) 777-1752 or (847) 812-3653
Growing Place
(815) 756-3744
Kinder Care
(815) 758-1941
YMCA (No School, No Problem)
(815) 756-9977

School District

DeKalb School District 428
(815) 754-2350

Landlord & Tenant Regulations

NIU Legal Assistance: (815) 753-1701

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DeKalb County Housing Authority
310 N 6th St. / PO Box 764
DeKalb, IL 60115
(815) 758-2692
(815) 758-4190 fax

Section 8
*Qualifications for program can take two years (815) 758-0958

Subsidized Housing Options

Amber Manor: (815) 758-1010
Cortland Estates: (815) 758-2910
Eden’s Garden: (815) 758-8045
Gideon Court: (815) 758-1320
Malta Manor Apartments: (630) 904-4157
Sycamore Green: (815) 895-9594
University Village: (815) 758-7859

Other Housing Options

www.daily-chronicle.com
go to classifieds and then to rentals

Family Housing On-Campus: (815) 753-8439
affordable with roommate

Emergency Temporary Housing

Hope Haven: (815) 758-3166
Homeless Prevention Program: (800) 843-6154

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Food Assistance Programs & Food Pantries

Call to check on the days and times

Barb Food Mart: (630) 443-6910
Bethlehem Feed My Sheep: (815) 758-3203
Feed’em Soup: (815) 310-0903
Huskies Student Food: (815) 753-8344
New Hope Baptist Church: (815) 756-7906
Salem Food: (815) 896-9113
Salvation Army Food: (815) 756-4308
St. Vincent DePaul: (815) 758-5432
Sycamore Food: (815) 895-9113
Vac-Community Meal: (815) 758-5432

Financial Assistance

Car Safety Seat Loan: (815) 758-6673
DeKalb County Community Service Dept. (815) 758-3910
DeKalb Township General Assistance: (815) 758-8282
Financial Aid Office: (815) 753-1395
Illinois Dept. of Human Services: (815) 895-8667
LIHEAP (Utilities): (815) 758-3835
NIU Scholarship Office: (815) 753-4829
Social Security Administration: (800) 772-1213

Clothing

Goodwill: (815) 765-4200
Salvation Army: (815) 758-3814
Clothing EXPO (new or gently used professional clothing): (815) 753-4772

Employment

IETC (Illinois Employment & Training Center): (815) 756-4993
NIU Career Planning & Placement: (815) 753-1641
NIU Human Resources: (815) 753-1394