# Parenting in College:

# The Whole Family Approach in Minnesota

Hear from leading experts about strategies to support parenting students, how to create meaningful change, and build an understanding of how parenting students fit into the broader discussions around equity in higher education.

### SESSION 1: EDUCATE September 22 12 - 3 PM

Learn why using a 2Gen, or whole family approach, is key in helping student parents succeed.

#### Guest speakers:

**Lori Barr,** Co-Founder of Raise The Barr

#### Panel of Parenting Students

**David Croom,** Associate Director of Postsecondary Success for Parents at Ascend at the Aspen Institute

**Paul Fleissner,** Managing Principal with Health Medical Associates

## SESSION 2: EMPOWER October 20 12 - 3 PM

Hear from individuals who have created meaningful change by leveraging their own connections and influence. Discuss topics, share resources and ideas, and prepare to become change agents at your own organizations.

#### Guest speaker:

#### Michaela Martin,

Family advocate, former Assistant Director of Advocacy Programs at Oregon State University and student parent

Along with additional experts and guest speakers

## SESSION 3: IMPLEMENT November 10 12 - 3 PM

Once the need for change is voiced, how do we keep the energy going?

Participants will share any lessons learned from their own experiences and discuss how to keep momentum strong in their efforts to bring about change.

Explore ways to build, enhance, and maintain collaborations that create a strong future of success for parenting students.

Sessions are for Minnesota student parents, campus leaders, student support staff, social service workers, childcare providers and others who want to see parenting students succeed in higher ed!

## **REGISTER NOW**

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