

Student Risk Factors

The following have been identified as risk factors for community college students. SCC is committed to student retention and success efforts; therefore the college has identified internal and external resources that can minimize the negative impact these factors may have on our students' academic progress.

1. BEING ACADEMICALLY UNDER-PREPARED ~ NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR DEVELOPMENTAL PLACEMENT;

SCC ~ Literacy Program (ABE/GED/ESL) Joan Moulten ext. 361; curriculum advisor; consider placement and course load; LAC; tutoring; SSS; career services; schedule time to receive all services.

2. BEING A SINGLE PARENT OR CARING FOR CHILDREN AT HOME;

SCC ~ time management, attendance policies, faculty and advisors, scheduling, on-line classes.

Southwestern Child Development Center ~ Focuses on helping parents locate quality, affordable child care; also offers parent education and related resources. 586-5561

Big Brothers/Big Sisters ~ Provides friendship/support for children and youth ages 6-14 in single parent homes. 452-9644

Family Resource Center ~ Coordinates comprehensive services geared towards keeping children healthy and families strong, includes respite care, job coaching, parent education, alcohol and drug information and treatment and literacy. 586-2845

Head Start ~ Comprehensive child care centers (birth through pre-school) for low income families geared towards the health and welfare of both the children and their parents; program and services include education on nutrition, parenting, physical and cognitive development, as well as in home visits by teachers and access to medical and dental services. 585-4245

Healthy Families of Jackson County ~ Dedicated to supporting any family who would like additional support meeting the multiple challenges of being a new parent. Services are provided for families with children birth to three years in age. 586-8994.

Macon Program for Progress ~ Comprehensive programs and services offering head start, early head start, housing, literacy, medical, social services, etc. 524-4471.

Smart Start ~ Serving as a clearing house for numerous community agencies, Smart Start provides a wide variety of programs and services in early care and education, health and family support, designed to ensure that all children are healthy and prepared to succeed when they enter school. 586-0661

Transportation Advocate Program T.A.P. ~

Dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life for women, children and primary care-givers of children by providing accessibility to any health related service. 800-964-9152.

3. BEING FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT ~ RELY ON OWN INCOME AS A MAJOR SOURCE FOR COLLEGE COSTS; OR IDENTIFYING THE COST OF ATTENDING COLLEGE AS A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE.

SCC ~ Financial Aid & Scholarship Program, SSS Supplemental Grant Aid, work-study, SCC cyberlink

Banquet Table ~ Macon County, provides healthy meals in a restaurant style setting two nights a week. 524-4910

Bureau of Indian Affairs ~ Supplies financial support for books, tuition, travel, as well as a housing stipend to students who are on the roll (must claim to be at least 1/16 Indian descent from a federally recognized tribe. 497-7480

Cherokee Tribal Education ~ Supplies financial support for books, tuition, travel, as well as a housing stipend to students who are on the roll (must claim to be at least 1/16 Indian descent from a federally recognized tribe. 497-7480

Community Health Access Network ~ Links low-income, Jackson County residents with no insurance to prescriptions at a reduced rate or at no cost; must have primary care physician at Harris Regional Hospital; similar program in Macon County. 586-7718

Community Table ~ Jackson County, provides healthy meals in a restaurant style setting four nights a week. 586-6782

Consumer Credit Counseling ~ Offers comprehensive financial services, including debt - repayment programs, one-on-one financial counseling, budget assistance, housing counseling, etc., at little or no cost (United Way Funded) 800-737-5485.

Good Samaritan Clinic ~ Grant funded comprehensive health clinic providing free services every Tuesday night at the Health Department; will also try and connect patients with sources that provide greatly reduced or no cost prescriptions. 586-8994.

Health Department ~ Contains a wide variety of services promoting quality healthcare and preventive care, including the Women's Clinic, the General Clinic, well-ness screenings, laboratory services, child health, family outreach services, nutrition programs and environmental health; students can usually obtain many of the services and screenings for free. Jackson 586-8994; Macon 349-2081; Swain 488-3198.

Housing Department ~ Gives Section 8 rental assistance aimed at assisting low-income individuals (18 and older) and families in finding suitable existing housing; amount is based on income. Jackson, 586-7594; Macon 524-4471

Macon Program for Progress ~ *HUD Section 8 rental assistance*: financial assistance with monthly rent and utility payments for qualified families and individuals. *Housing Rehabilitation/Home Repair*: home repairs and renovations for qualified families. *Energy Program*: makes homes warmer, cooler and more energy efficient for qualified families and individuals. 524-4471.

R.E.A.C.H. Thrift Store ~ Located near downtown Sylva, the thrift store offers quality used clothing and home furnishings at greatly reduced prices. 586-8778.

Social Security ~ Gives financial assistance to those persons dealing with the long term consequences of a disability; also assists foreign students with the paperwork that enables them to find employment. 369-2684

Sylva Clinical Associates ~ Makes available psychological and neuropsychological testing services to SCC students via the Student Support Services Office at a greatly reduced rate; they will also work out a manageable payment plan. Jerry Coffey 586-5555

United Christian Ministries ~ An inter denominational crisis ministry that provides assistance and advocacy to those in need by offering help with gasoline, clothing, past due utility bills, temporary lodging, medical bills, diapers, food, household and personal items; they will also make referrals to other agencies. 586-8228.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services ~ Affords vocational rehabilitation services to eligible persons with physical, mental emotional or learning disabilities that wish to keep, return to or locate education or employment. 585-4032

Western North Carolina Legal Services ~ Provides legal assistance to low-income persons who cannot afford a private attorney by helping them with matters such as domestic violence, consumer issues, education, housing problems, evictions, harassment by bill collectors, unemployment claims, public benefits and SSI. 800-458-6817.

Workforce Investment Act ~ Supplies comprehensive services to those who are seeking gainful employment or to those who have lost their jobs through layoffs and plant or business closings, by offering help with books and tuition, transportation costs, career counseling and job search consultation. 586-4091 ext 200.

4. WORKING MORE THAN 30 HOURS PER WEEK;

SCC ~ web mail, on-line classes, time management grid on page 94 of *Keys to Success* book, weekend & evening college, Student Support Services, Enrollment Counselor, Career Counselor, Student Development Counselor, tutoring, LAC, SCC cyberlink.

5. BEING A FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT;

SCC ~ ACA 115, Student Support Services, tutoring, advisor, LAC, Enrollment Counselor, Student Development Counselor, Career Counselor

6. BEING A PART-TIME STUDENT;

SCC ~ Advisor, realistic time lines. Certificate/diploma options.