

CALWORKS

Overview

The Cerritos College CalWORKs Program assists students who are parents with children under the age of 18 receiving cash aid through the state of California CalWORKs Program, are in good standing with the college, and have developed or are in the process of developing a welfare-to-work plan with the local county welfare office. The program provides eligible students with the following support services: academic, career and/or transfer, and personal counseling services; Priority Enrollment; one-on-one new student orientations; Basic Needs assistance; math tutoring; computer lab; study rooms; workshops and scholarship opportunities; referrals to campus- and community-based organizations; and up-to-date information regarding welfare regulations, rules, and requirements. The staff advocates for students with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) in order to ensure that county, state, and federal regulations are administered fairly and correctly. For eligible students, the CalWORKs Office also provides a work-study program, which includes career guidance, assistance with resume writing, mock interviewing skill building, Pre-Employment Preparation (PEP) workshops, and subsidized paid work-study placements on campus.

The CalWORKs office is located in the Santa Barbara Building. To make an appointment with a CalWORKs Counselor, please call (562) 860-2451, Ext. 2593 or email us at calworks-info@cerritos.edu. For additional information, please visit our website at www.cerritos.edu/calworks (<http://www.cerritos.edu/calworks>).