

2022
ANNUAL
REPORT



BUILDING A
BRIGHTER FUTURE

Our Mission

To ensure all student parents have the opportunities to succeed and experience economic mobility, Generation Hope engages education and policy partners to drive systemic change and provides direct support to teen parents in college as well as their children through holistic, two generation programming.

To the Generation Hope Community,

Our organization is founded on the belief that all families deserve the opportunity to build brighter futures through education, especially those that are often excluded from opportunities such as young parents and student parents. This belief has always guided our work, which is why you will see it woven throughout this annual report.

In 2022, we welcomed our largest Scholar class to date and expanded the number of little ones we serve in our early childhood program, Next Generation Academy. This allowed us to impact even more young families in the D.C. metro region by supporting both the parents and their children in their educational pursuits. I invite you to learn more about these incredible Scholars and their kiddos in ["Our 2022 Impact"](#) (page 3).

Beyond our direct service work in the D.C. metro region, we have worked diligently to address the systemic barriers that student parents face nationwide. Our technical assistance program, [FamilyU](#), is now partnering with higher education leaders around the country, from California to Texas, New Mexico to Wisconsin, and Virginia. Collectively, our FamilyU Cohorts are impacting 100,000 student parents. Learn more about these institutions here: generationhope.org.

To enhance our systemic-change efforts, in 2022 we also created [Generation Hope's Policy Priorities](#) in partnership with student parents across the country, and established our Policy & Research Team. This team built upon our previous research and reports by authoring [two more reports](#) and releasing a [joint report](#) with the Education Trust in 2022. A summary of these reports and their findings can be found [on page 6](#).

This was a year of exponential growth and transformation, one that positioned us for even greater impact. From launching our Scholar Program in New Orleans, our first location outside of the D.C. metro region, to welcoming a third cohort of FamilyU institutions and doubling down on our advocacy efforts, there is so much more to come.

Thank you for standing with us through this critical and exciting time.

Sincerely,



Nicole Lynn Lewis
Founder & CEO



OUR 2022 IMPACT



\$189,000

provided in tuition assistance



360

age-appropriate and culturally-relevant new books to Scholars' children enrolled in Next Generation Academy



142

teen parents provided with holistic wrap-around programming while in college



41

preschool-aged children supported through Next Generation Academy



33

college graduates

Making a National Impact

100,000 STUDENT PARENTS impacted across the country through the FamilyU Cohorts

100% of 2021 FamilyU Cohort participants report they feel equipped to advocate for the needs of student parents on their campuses with institutional leadership after one year in the program

11 INSTITUTIONS receiving technical assistance to enhance their student parent work through the FamilyU Cohorts

9 Minority Serving Institutions, specifically:

- 2 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU)
- 1 Predominantly Black Institution (PBI)
- 6 Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI)
- 4 Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI)

1 YEAR into the cohort experience, 100% of institutions report they have developed and/or refined at least one data collection tool (i.e., applications, surveys, etc.) to better track student parent data

3 REPORTS PUBLISHED OR CO-PUBLISHED sharing data about student parents' experiences in higher education, downloaded nearly **200 times**

DC Region Scholar Program

42%
Latinx

37%
Black

87%
with low
incomes

79%
first-generation
college students

DC
19%

VA
28%

MD
53%

100% OF CHILDREN IN NEXT GENERATION ACADEMY

were on track with age-appropriate cognitive development

95% OF 2022 GRADUATES

are currently working full time and/or pursuing graduate degrees

94% OF PARENTS IN NEXT GENERATION ACADEMY

were motivated to try new parenting strategies

90% OF CHILDREN IN NEXT GENERATION ACADEMY

were on track with age-appropriate communication skills or, if already in school, reading on grade level

86% OF OUR SCHOLARS

either graduated or continued in both college and Generation Hope from 2021 to 2022

*Nationwide, fewer than 2% of teen mothers will earn their college degree before age 30

“ Thank you for making us feel special and helping us experience things we may not have the resources to normally experience.”

TAYLOR THOMPSON
Scholar, Bowie State University





Navigating college life as a non-traditional student parent can be overwhelming, but fortunately, my journey has been made smoother with the invaluable assistance of Generation Hope. This exceptional organization is dedicated to aiding and advocating for student parents like me. Through their resources, I have accessed much-needed financial aid, mentorship programs, tutoring support, community resources, and invaluable parenting workshops, all tailored to meet the unique needs of individuals in similar situations.

JOSHUA CASTILLO

Scholar, Montgomery College



Generation Hope has made an impact in my life by giving me the strength to move forward with my goal of becoming a college graduate regardless of my situation. I do not feel alone in my education, I have a team backing me up no matter my struggle."

NATALIE ZELADA

Scholar, George Mason University



GH was the best thing that happened to me in my college journey. Without their support (mentoring, financial, overall disposition of the staff) I do not think I would have accomplished my college degree. GH will always be a vital factor in my path that resulted in my completion of my Bachelors."

REBECA ALVAREZ

Alumni, Trinity Washington University '19



Generation Hope allowed my experience as a single parent seeking education to be manageable. I am so thankful for the ways they were my community during my time in college and feel motivated by their example to pay it forward, love on, and assist any single/teen parents that I know. Thank you GH for being such a blessing during my college experience!"

COLLEEN FORSEE

Alumni, Northern Virginia Community College '15



Our scholars are studying at **more than 30** higher education institutions

Driving Systems Change

Our FamilyU Cohorts are a comprehensive, customized, evidence-based, two-year capacity-building experience designed to build and refine institutional competencies to improve student parent success. In 2022, Generation Hope brought our 2021 and 2022 **FamilyU Cohorts** together in-person and virtually to dive into their student parent work. At these convenings, institutional teams in our **2021 Cohort** explored crafting and refining campus policies for student parent success, empowering student parent champions on campus, creating a parent-friendly environment, and implementing campus-wide student parent strategies. **Our 2022 Cohort** focused on standing up their data collection systems to track their students' parenting status.

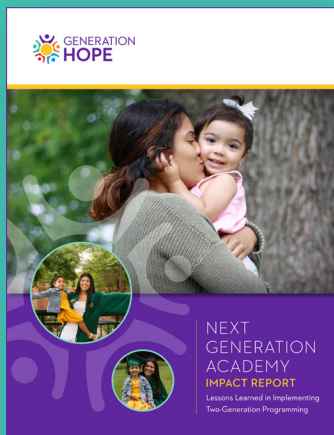
In June, we announced the 2021 FamilyU Cohort's inaugural Student Parent Fellows. Each Fellow, who is a current parenting student, works closely with their school and brings a unique experience as well as a passion for supporting and uplifting the student parents in their campus community. Visit generationhope.org to learn more about our 2021 FamilyU Cohort Student Parent Fellows: Valeria Fernandez, George Mason University; Najah Mills, Montgomery College; Mercy Osei-Hwedie, Northern Virginia Community College; and Lorraine Oyetubo, Trinity Washington University.

Reports Summary

In 2022, Generation Hope released two of our own reports, *Next Generation Academy Impact Report* and *Higher Together: The Impact of a College Degree for Young Parents*, and co-authored a report, *For Student Parents, The Biggest Hurdles to A Higher Education are Costs and Finding Child Care*, with [The Education Trust](https://www.educationtrust.org/).

The Next Generation Academy Impact Report highlights the success of our early childhood education program designed to prepare our Scholars' children for elementary school success by equipping our families with resources and skills to support their development. The report shares how the program increased parents' knowledge of child development, promoted positive parenting practices, and improved school-readiness for scholars' pre-kindergarten children. It also emphasizes the importance of investing dollars in high-quality early childhood education and the disparities in kindergarten readiness, particularly among families of color and families with low income.

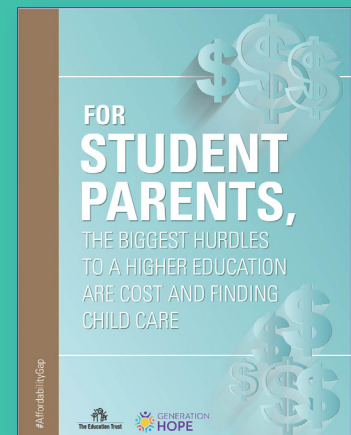
2022 REPORTS



Next Generation Academy
Impact Report



Higher Together: The Impact
of a College Degree for Young
Parents



The Biggest Hurdles to A
Higher Education are Costs
and Finding Child Care



Student Parent Fellow, Najah Mills, speaking at a FamilyU Cohort Convening

Outcomes of Next Generation Academy

- After two years in the program, 100% of children scored on track on the ASQ-2 Social Emotional Assessment.
- After one year in the program, 91% of children scored on track for both gross and fine motor skills.
- After one year in the program, 87% of Scholars could identify language and literacy-promoting behavior they learned through Next Generation Academy.

The report underscores the significance of long-term, parent-centered case management services, home visiting programs, and fostering a supportive peer community while emphasizing the importance of building strong relationships with case managers, considering the time commitment and flexibility for parents, and implementing supports through a race-equity lens.

“Higher Together: The Impact of a College Degree for Young Parents” focuses on the post-college experiences of Generation Hope alumni over our 13 years, who were all teen parents pursuing Associate’s and Bachelor’s degrees. Our report finds that earning a college degree significantly increased average annual earnings for teen parents, with the average salary for full-time workers exceeding \$60,000 annually, more than doubling their pre-degree earnings. Additionally, it reveals that nearly one-third of teen parent graduates went on to pursue advanced degrees after earning their Bachelor’s degrees, and the majority recognized positive outcomes from completing college. However, the report also emphasizes the ongoing challenges faced by young parents, including employment discrimination, wealth disparities, and the need for continued efforts to dismantle systemic barriers to economic mobility.

For Student Parents, The Biggest Hurdles to a Higher Education are Costs and Finding Child Care, co-authored with our partners at [The Education Trust](#), uncovers the challenges faced by student parents in pursuing higher education. The key findings reveal that no state allows a student parent working 10 hours per week at minimum wage to afford both tuition and child care at a public college or university. Even states with seemingly affordable net prices for education have a wider affordability gap when considering child care costs. The report emphasizes that the out-of-pocket cost for student parents attending public college is significantly higher compared to their low-income peers without children, with an average of 52 hours of work per week required to cover child care and tuition expenses at a four-year institution. [Read the report](#) for the full findings, data by state, as well as federal, state, and campus policy recommendations.

FY22 FINANCIALS (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

Revenue: **\$6,719,764** Expenses: **\$3,139,251**

2022 DONORS

\$250,000+

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The Annie E. Casey Foundation
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Generation Hope is not only improving graduation rates for parenting students but also transforming higher ed's capacity to serve today's college students. Through innovative research, policy guidance, direct programs, and accessible campus resources, Generation Hope is changing the educational landscape for colleges, universities, and nonprofits. To support college success for the 20% of parenting students in the US, this is a high-impact opportunity for philanthropy to help higher ed graduate thousands more student-parents."

ROBYN ATTEBURY ELLIS

Program Officer at the Crimsonbridge Foundation



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