Campus-based child care plays a key role in helping community college students with dependent children complete college. Data show that the number of two-year institutions with on-campus child care has declined from 53 percent in the 2003-04 academic year to 46 percent in 2012-13. Public four-year institutions also saw a decrease during the same period, from 55 percent in 2003-04 to 51 percent in 2012-2013. Childcare costs, scheduling challenges and difficulties with obtaining subsidies are some of the challenges that confront student parents.

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