

**MOORPARK COLLEGE**

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# **IMPLEMENTATION OF A BASIC NEEDS CENTER**

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# OUR MAIN TOPICS TODAY

- What does it mean to address students' basic needs?
- Management and location of a Basic Needs Center
- Financing and sustainability of a Basic Needs Center
- Implementation and assessment of a Basic Needs Center

# WHY ADDRESS STUDENTS' **BASIC NEEDS?**

- Relationship between a student's basic needs being met and their academic success
- No centralized location at MC for students to access support services for basic needs
- Data supports the need for MC students to have access to basic needs resources



ACCORDING TO THE HOPE CENTER'S 2018 **#REALCOLLEGE**  
**SURVEY** RESULTS FOR MOORPARK COLLEGE:

**38%**

**of MC respondents were food insecure in the prior 30 days.**

Additionally, 41% of MC respondents said they cannot afford to eat balanced meals.

**49%**

**of MC respondents were housing insecure in the previous year,**

with 21% indicating their housing situation was in question due to increased rent costs.

**16%**

**of MC respondents experienced homelessness in the previous year.**

11% relied on couch surfing, while 4% slept in areas not meant for human habitation.

ACCORDING TO AN  
INTERNAL SURVEY,  
**MOORPARK  
STUDENTS NEED  
ADDITIONAL  
RESOURCES**

## **HOUSING**

About 30% of respondents requested information about local housing resources, including temporary housing options.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

21% of MC respondents want information on free or reduced transportation, or information about ride-share/carpooling.

## **CLOTHES**

Almost 19% of MC respondents said they have a need for free clean, gently used clothes.

# Addressing students' basic needs is a **priority of the state's school systems**



**ALL 10 UC CAMPUSES HAVE A  
FOOD PANTRY AS WELL AS  
ADDITIONAL BASIC NEEDS  
RESOURCES.**



**ALL 23 CSU CAMPUSES  
HAVE A FOOD PANTRY OR  
FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
PROGRAM.**



**CCC CHANCELLOR ELOY ORTIZ  
OAKLEY STATED THAT  
ADDRESSING BASIC NEEDS  
ISSUES IS A PRIORITY.**



A VCCCD Leadership Academy (Cohort 1) team focused on addressing basic needs across the district for their end-of-year group project.



## BASIC NEEDS RESOURCE CENTERS

*Addressing basic needs across the VCCCD  
to give students their best shot at success*

A resulting report was shared with other Academy teams and district administration last April; the report is available on the VCCCD website.



# Ventura and Oxnard Colleges have already taken steps to address students' basic needs



**CONDOR CARE:  
BASIC NEEDS FOR  
STUDENTS**







## STRATEGIC DIRECTION #4 CAMPUS SAFETY AND WELLNESS

*Moorpark College will provide an environment that promotes both safety and the wellness of all its employees and students*

	GOAL	METRIC
A	Increase campus safety	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Inclusive emergency notification system—implement by 2023-2024</li><li>2. Active shooter/fire/earthquake drills—conduct one campus wide drill and three table top drills per year for each by 2023-2024</li><li>3. Building monitors—complete building monitor plan by Fall 2019 and run one drill a year from 2019-2020</li><li>4. Work-space preparation—increase number of employees implementing training in their classrooms/workspaces at the start of each semester to 310 by 2023-2024</li><li>5. CERT training—increase total number of employees that are CERT trained to 20 by 2023-2024</li><li>6. Title IX training—implement training created by the Districtwide Title IX committee by 2023-2024</li></ol>
B	Provide support for students' basic daily needs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Basic Needs Center (to provide guidance on housing, food insecurity, health programs, affordable childcare options, etc.)—conduct a feasibility study by 2020-2021 to explore the viability of creating this center</li><li>2. Fitness Center—conduct a feasibility study by 2020-2021 to explore the viability of offering open labs to students without registering for a class</li><li>3. Food outlets—provide access to hot and nutritious meals for students throughout the instructional day (8am to 9pm) by 2023-2024</li></ol>

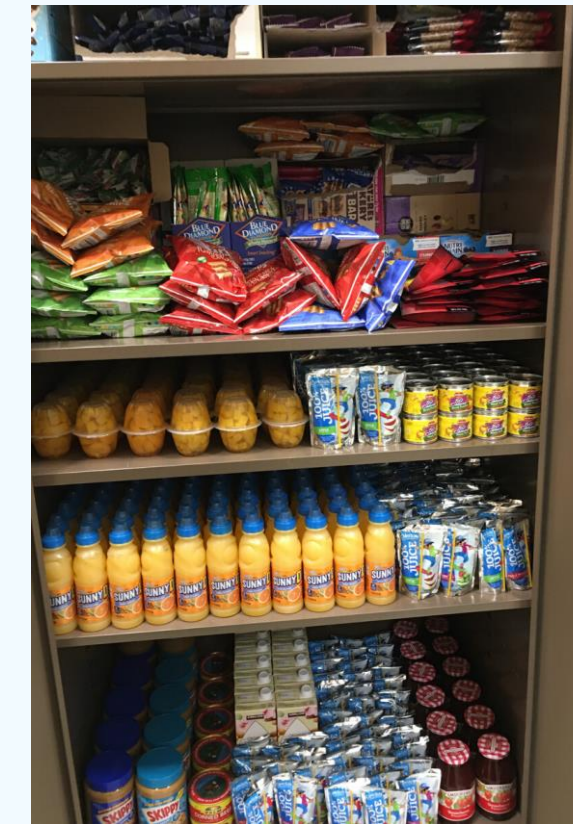


# What does MC currently do to address students' basic needs?



## RUBEN CASTRO CHARITIES PANTRY

distributes food to MC and broader community members on Tuesdays.



## DECENTRALIZED PANTRIES

are available at the Student Health Center, Financial Aid Office, EOPS Office, and FYE Office.



# What does MC currently do to address students' basic needs?



## EMERGENCY FUND GRANT


for students who encounter unexpected financial hardships that could inhibit their academic success.



## CALFRESH APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

presented by Financial Aid Office to help students access additional funds for groceries.





# **MOORPARK COLLEGE HAS THE CAPACITY TO BETTER SERVE STUDENTS' BASIC NEEDS**

Basic Needs Center Proposal | March 2020



Welcome to  
**Raider Central**





# THE POLLY ROOM IS THE IDEAL LOCATION FOR **RAIDER CENTRAL**

1

## **PROXIMITY TO PANTRY**

Easy to refer students to the once-weekly pantry offered by Ruben Castro Charities.

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## **EASY INITIAL OVERSIGHT**

Relationship to Student Activities Office allows for additional staff oversight.

2

## **CENTRAL LOCATION KEY**

Students surveyed indicated a preference for a centralized basic needs center.

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## **UNDERUTILIZED SPACE**

Converting it to a basic needs center will reestablish purpose to the space.



# MANAGEMENT + STAFFING NEEDS

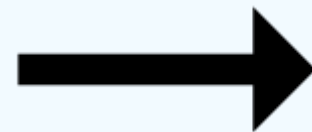


- Fall 2020: W+Th from 10am – 5pm
- Hire work-study students to save on costs
- Extensive training for student staff in summer
- Day-to-day operations can be supported by the Student Activities Office + ASMC staff
- Primary oversight to be determined by campus administration

# MANAGEMENT + STAFFING

## SUMMER 2020

Student staff, with guidance and assistance from the Student Activities Specialist, will provide initial support and service.



## FALL 2020

A case worker with the Student Health Center will begin in August 2020. This person will be able to dedicate a set number of hours weekly toward assisting students.



## THE FUTURE

In order to foster meaningful relationships with community partners and allow for the expansion of hours and services, Moorpark College will ideally hire a full-time Basic Needs Specialist.

# INITIAL SET-UP COSTS:

**Commercial metal shelving:** \$375

**Industrial refrigerator:** \$3,368

**Desk (2):** \$1,100

**Desktop computer (2):** \$2,400

**Electrical rewiring:** \$TBD

**Repainting:** \$500

**iPad for check-ins:** \$570

**Marketing Collateral:** \$400

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# PROJECTED ANNUAL COSTS:

**Printing/Marketing Collateral:** \$1,750

**Student staff:** \$9,800 (14 hours/week)

**General/Office Supplies & Materials:** \$790

**Annual food costs:** \$10,000

**Basic Needs Specialist:** \$52,596 - \$72,552 +benefits



# FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF RAIDER CENTRAL



Hunger-Free  
Grant Funds



Student Equity +  
Achievement Funds



Partnership  
with ASMC



Support of  
MC Foundation



# ASSESSING RAIDER CENTRAL

Tracking student usage with a sign-in process will be essential to sustaining the center.

Having SEA serve as Raider Central's advisory committee will ensure proper oversight.

Long-term goal is to have a Program Plan for Raider Central.

# RAIDER CENTRAL

## IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE



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### FALL 2019

Research was conducted to assess the feasibility of implementing a basic needs center at MC.

### MARCH 2020

Presentations to Administrative Council and other groups, advocating for center.

### JUNE/JULY 2020

Submit work orders to have space repainted. Order furniture and create signage.

### AUGUST 2020

Grand opening of Raider Central. Heavy marketing during Orientation and beginning of semester.



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**ANY  
QUESTIONS?**

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