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## **Student Parents A Priority**

TORONTO, ON – The Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students (APUS) is excited to launch a new Breastfeeding Station in the APUS Sid Smith office located at 100 St. George Street at the St. George campus. APUS has always recognized the unique challenges facing parents at the University of Toronto, and with the opening of a new Breastfeeding Station APUS is taking one more step in helping reduce barriers at the university for mothers.

“APUS has always been committed to serving our diverse membership,” said Margaret Ebifegha, Vice-President External of APUS. “Student parents are a priority for us. By providing a new space for mothers who wish to breastfeed, we’re making the University more inclusive for our members.”

With the new Breastfeeding Station on campus, there will be more options on campus for mothers. Mothers who so wish can still choose to breastfeed in public or anywhere on campus they wish to, and APUS will continue to fight and tackle barriers they may face in doing so. This new station will provide an extra option for mothers who feel more comfortable breastfeeding in privacy.

“It’s exciting to see this new APUS service for student parents. Breastfeeding stations and baby-changing stations go a long way to supporting student parents on campus,” said Kaye Francis, Manager of the Family Care Office.

APUS is inviting all members of the University of Toronto community, and allies interested in attending, to the opening reception of the Breastfeeding Station. The reception will be taking place on October 1<sup>st</sup>, from 12 pm to 3 pm at Sidney Smith 100 St. George Street Room 1089. There will be refreshments, educational material, and APUS staff on hand to address any questions.

The Association of Part-time Undergraduate Students at the University of Toronto represents over 6000 fall/winter and 14,000 summer part-time students across all three campuses of the University of Toronto. Part-time students who wanted to make part-time study an integral part of the University founded APUS in 1968. APUS endeavours to ensure that the rights of all part-time students are respected, to provide cost-saving services, programs and events, and represent the voices of part-time undergraduate students across the University and to all levels of government.

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