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If family	• seek help in the Resources
responsibilities	Office for possible assistance.
do not leave me	<ul> <li>make arrangements with</li> </ul>
time for my	family and friends for help.
homework, I	meet with my adviser to
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	courses I am taking.
	• inform my instructor about my plans so s/he knows I'm
	working to solve the problem.
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I can	schedules, handouts, and assignments.
	• check the college library to
	see if they have my textbook
	on reserve so I can read it
	there.
	• check the Resources office to
	see if they have any
	notebooks, pencils, etc.
	• let my instructors know, and
	they can advise me.  • understand that I am still
	required to do my classwork.
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If I have health issues, I can	<ul> <li>visit Disability Services to see if my illness is a disability (and then I will have accommodations).</li> <li>visit the on-campus Health Services.</li> <li>let my instructors know if my health affects my attendance or my ability to do school work.</li> </ul>
If I have a disability or a learning disability, I can	<ul> <li>visit Disability Services and meet with an adviser, who can help me figure out how to get accommodations.</li> <li>realize that in college, it is up to me to arrange for the disability accommodations, so I need to be pro-active.</li> <li>let my instructors know how my disability affects my learning. I do not need to tell my instructors the nature of my disability (unless I want to).</li> </ul>
If I have a childcare problem, I can	<ul> <li>go to the Resources office to see if they have referrals to childcare.</li> <li>make an appointment with my adviser to discuss it; he or she may be able to direct me to the right place.</li> <li>let my instructors know what is going on.</li> <li>try to keep up with my reading and homework, and send it by email or in D2L Dropbox.</li> <li>use my family and friend resources to help with childcare temporarily.</li> </ul>

### If I think I will fail a class, I can...

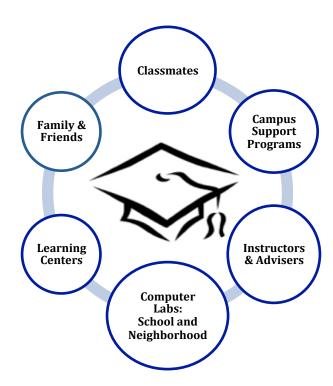
- meet with my instructor in his/her office hours to discuss the matter. I might be able to work out a plan for success.
- meet with my adviser to discuss options.
- be prepared to repeat the course, but not before talking with the instructor and my adviser.

#### If I do not have access to a computer at home to do my homework, I can...

- make arrangements to stay at school and use the college's computer labs.
- make arrangements to use my neighborhood library's computers.
- make arrangements with family or friends to use one of their computers.
- do as much of the assignments as I can on my smart phone and complete the rest on a public computer.
- investigate the possibility of purchasing a "computer notebook," usually less than \$200.
- investigate applying for or joining a student group on campus that has computers as a part of their services, such as Starting Point and SAAB.

#### If my living space is too noisy to concentrate on schoolwork, I can...

- make arrangements to stay at school in a quiet place to do my homework.
- find a quiet space in my neighborhood library to do my homework.
- find a quiet place in a local coffee shop to do my homework.



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