

Facts:

"Over 1/2 of all children will spend some time in a single parent home in their lifetime."

"28.4% of female headed households had incomes below the poverty line in 2004."

"Single mom's with a four year degree are nine times more likely to live above the federal poverty line than those without."

"The annual income for a woman with a bachelor's degree is \$38,477 while the average annual income for a woman with a high school diploma is \$21,658."

**Pandey, Shanta; Kim, Jeoung-hee. Path to Poverty Alleviation: Marriage or Postsecondary Education? 2008



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A group of wonderful Shenandoah students, most of us parents ourselves, have come together to bring you a wealth of information on everything from the Financial Aid process to "Things to do" around the Winchester, VA area.

We researched family doctors, dentists, housing and even babysitters from on and around campus to share with you!



Our goal is to create a welcoming environment for parents considering a four year college degree and to provide help in the application/financial aid process as well as provide an outlet for students who are parents in the Shenandoah Valley.

We also aim to be mentors to single mothers thinking about college, and to encourage post secondary education as a means of empowerment for oneself and one's children.



For more information on
everything from financial aid to
child care

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My child is intelligent. I have a real apartment. I'm going to graduate (someday...eventually...soon?) I even have a washing machine. Life *is* good!