TITLE: **CHILDREN ON CAMPUS POLICY**

DATE(S) OF POLICY AND POLICY REVISION APPROVALS: **December 6, 2011**

In order to provide a friendly and safe campus while maintaining a disruption-free learning and work environment for students and employees Luzerne County Community College does not allow unsupervised minor children (under the age of 18) on LCCC property/campus.

LCCC does not provide child care services and does not supervise minor children. Minor children who are not enrolled in/signed up for a Luzerne County Community College program or activity are not allowed on College property (including in College buildings, on College grounds, or in a vehicle on College property) or at College-sponsored events unless under the direct supervision of a parent/responsible adult. If a child is left unattended, the parent/responsible adult will be contacted by a member of the College staff and requested to return to the child.

Children are not permitted in classrooms except with the specific approval of the faculty member responsible for the class, on an emergency basis, and for a specified period of time; children are not permitted at an employee’s workplace (e.g., office, classroom, shop) in lieu of other childcare arrangements, during the employee’s working hours except with the specific prior approval of the appropriate division leader, on an emergency basis and for a specified period of time. Under such circumstances, the parent/accompanying adult is solely responsible for the child and ensuring that the child does not disrupt the educational or work setting. Employees, agents, or students may not accept responsibility to supervise a child on behalf of the College.

At no time are children allowed in areas where dangerous equipment is operated and/or where chemicals, cleaning products, solvents, or any hazardous products are stored or used such as science laboratories unless as part of an approved course or program.

Minor children authorized to use the LCCC Fitness Center or James T. Atherton Gymnasium must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times when visiting the Fitness Center.

If a child on campus, authorized to be present in accordance with this policy, becomes disruptive, the situation will be handled in the same manner as situations in which an adult is disruptive.