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Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) and University of Pennsylvania Collaborate on Survey Researching Lactation Policy and Facilities In US Higher Education

(Ann Arbor, MI) The Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) and the University of Pennsylvania are collaborating in a nationwide study to explore lactation policy and facilities in US colleges and universities.

The Fair Labor Standards Act was amended in 2010 to require employers to provide reasonable break time and a private place for nursing mothers to express milk while at work. However, the levels, quality, and availability of lactation spaces and supports across campuses for nursing staff, students, and guests have not been widely documented.

“This is a basic issue of family health and wellness for mothers and infants,” said Michael D. Moss, SCUP president. “We hope this research will be a resource for campuses as they identify best practices for planning policy, design, and amenities for lactation spaces.”

Dr. Diane Spatz, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN and Joyce Lee, FAIA, LEED Fellow, of University of Pennsylvania, will lead the research team.

The survey will be distributed to one individual from each SCUP member campus in October. Results of the study will be available to the public early in 2018. Campuses wishing to ensure their institution is included in the survey can contact kathy.benton@scup.org or call 734.669.3271.

About the Society for College and University Planning

The Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) is a nonprofit association of 5,000+ higher education leaders responsible for the integration of planning on their campuses and for the professionals who support them. For more information, visit www.scup.org.

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