

## **Studying or Taking a Trip Abroad by Your Children: Items To Be Addressed**

- Does your child have medical insurance while abroad? If not, purchase travel insurance.
- Will your child have access to an ATM for cash?
- Make sure that they have a backup credit card that is kept separate in the event theirs is lost or stolen.
- Does the bank they are using have a foreign relationship?
- Do you have a health care proxy on your child in case it is necessary to make medical decisions?
- Does your child know where the US Embassy is if they need it?
- Make sure their passport and Visa are up to date.
- Check for travel warnings and advisories.
- Make sure vaccinations and prescriptions are up to date.
- Register their trip with the U.S. Department of State.
- Choose a means of communication as well as a backup (Skype, Internet Messenger, Text, etc.) to keep in touch in case of an emergency.