



# Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

## California

### Family Cap

Benefits to Family with Excluded Child	The traditional incremental cash increase is denied.	Y
	The traditional incremental cash increase is reduced.	N
	The benefit for the child is in the form of vouchers.	N
	The benefit for the child is in the form of a third party payment.	N
Exemptions from the Family Cap	A child may be exempt from the family cap if:	
	Born less than 10 months after case opened	Y
	First-born child of minor TANF parent	N
	Conceived between spells of assistance lasting at least 2 months	Y
	Conceived as a result of rape or incest	Y
	Not living with biological parent	Y
	Conceived as a result of failed contraception	Y
	Eligible for state's family violence option	N
	Other(s):	
	Children conceived while either parent was an unaided, nonparent caretaker relative. Failed contraception exemption only applies to failures of IUD, sterilization, Norplant.	

Different Treatment of "Capped" Families	A parent with a "capped" child is required to work when that child is younger compared to a parent with a non-capped child.	Y
	Basic exemption is for parents of children under 6 months, though at county option it can range from 12 weeks to 12 months. However, if a family has relied on this exemption once, when a subsequent child is born, the exemption is 12 weeks, though up to 6 months is possible on a case-by-case basis under county criteria.	
	A family with a "capped" child retains more income from earnings.	N
	A family retains more of the child support collected on behalf of a "capped " child.	Y
	A family with a "capped" child is referred to family planning services.	N

### **Minor Teen Parent Living Arrangement**

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Rules Issued	The TANF agency issued rules/guidance.	Y
Eligibility of Minors Not Living with Parents	Eligible if living with an adult relative or guardian	Y
	Eligible if living with a supervisory adult	Y
	Eligible if living independently in an approved arrangement	Y
Assessment	The TANF agency assesses minors seeking independent living.	Y
	TANF staff are trained in assessment.	Y
	The child welfare agency assesses minors seeking independent living.	N
	Community non-profits assess minors seeking independent living.	N
	Other: When the teen alleges risk of abuse or neglect in the senior parent's home, a referral is made to Child Protective Services.	

	State policy describes circumstances in which adult supervision by non-relatives is appropriate.	Y
	If no parent/guardian willing to be responsible for teen	Y
	If there is reported abuse/neglect	Y
	If there is concern about abuse/neglect	Y
	If current caretaker abuses alcohol or drugs	Y
	If no permanent housing is available	N
	If there is housing overcrowding	N
Assistance in Locating Adult Supervision	State policy establishes what assistance will be provided.	Y
	Referral to child welfare	Y
	Case management	N
	List of possible "second chance" homes	N
	State-funded cash assistance during assessment period	N
Approvable Adult-Supervised Settings	State rules specify which types of adult supervision are allowed.	Y
	Group home	Y
	Group home through the foster care system	N
	With a family through the foster care system	N
	With an adult non-relative	Y
	Other: State-licensed, adult-supervised supportive living arrangement, including group homes, maternity homes.	
"Best Interest" Exemption	State policy defines when it is in the "best interest" of the minor to make an exception to the adult supervision rule.	Y
	No supervised living slot available	N
	Minor is successfully living on own	Y
	Minor is about to turn 18	N
	Other: Minor has no living parent or legal guardian; minor's parent/guardian's whereabouts are unknown; parent/guardian will not allow the minor to live in the home; Child Protective Services worker determines it is not safe for the minor parent and child(ren) to live	

with parent/guardian; minor parent has lived away from parent/guardian for 12 months prior to the birth of minor's youngest dependent child; minor is legally emancipated

State policy requires agency interaction with minor parents living independently, as follows: Y

Specialized case management Y

Minor must report to TANF or other agency N

Other:

Case management under state's Cal-Learn program, where all teen parents receive case management.

Payments

The state automatically considers a minor teen parent living in an adult-supervised setting a "head of household." N

When minor parents receive their own assistance, the cash grant is given to:

The teen directly Y

The parent N

A supervisory adult Y

Other:

Aid is paid to minor only if adult refuses to act as payee.

State Data

The number of minor parent recipients is collected. Y

The number of minor parent recipients is reported. Y

Latest total number: 15,962  
for 9/97

A separate number is reported for those "embedded" or "nested" within adult households. Y

Latest number of "embedded": 8,364

A separate number is reported for those who head households. Y

Latest number of "heads": 7,886

A separate number is reported for minors ineligible due to TANF living arrangement rule. N

	The state estimates the need for adult supervised settings.	N
	The state reports the number of minor parents by living arrangement type.	Y
	Live with parents: 7,340	
	Live with guardians:	
	Live with adult relatives:	
	Live in adult supervised settings:	
	Live "independently": 7,886	
	The state tracks reasons minor parents are not living with a parent, guardian, or adult.	N
Funding	The state created a state-funded program for teens denied TANF.	N
	Since 1996, the state uses federal sources to fund "second chance" homes.	N
Interagency Collaboration	Child Welfare Agency	
	Limited to assisting only those documented as abused or neglected	N
	Has a waiting list for placements	--
	Allows placement of minor mother and child in the same foster home	Y
	Estimates these joint placements occur:	
	More than 50% of the time	--
	Between 25 and 50% of the time	--
	Between 5 and 25% of the time	--
	Less than 5% of the time	--
	Housing Agency	
	State housing agency/local authority has been engaged in discussions regarding the living arrangement policy.	N
	While no discussions have been held at the state level, some counties have involved the local housing authority.	

Evaluation	The living arrangement provision is being/will be evaluated.	N
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## School/Training Participation Rules

Participation Required of Teen Parents	A school/training requirement applies to all single and married teen parents under age: 19	Y
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Participation Required of Students Who Are Not Parents	A school/training requirement applies to non-parents who are:	
	Elementary school students	Y
	Middle school students	Y
	High school/equivalent students up to age: 18	Y

How Participation is Measured	School attendance	Y
	Grades in class work	Y
	Completion of the current grade	N

Sanctions	Teen parents and non-parents are subject to the same sanction for non-compliance with school attendance requirement.	N
	The first sanction for teen parents is:	
	A reduction in the family's grant:	Y
	Removal of caretaker's needs when child is under 16; removal of child's needs if 16 or 17. Where teen parent fails to maintain a 1.0 GPA, as documented by report card, sanction is \$100 applied over 2 months.	
	Elimination of the family's grant	N
	Vendor payments for rent and utilities	N
	The duration of the first sanction is:	
	One month or until compliance, whichever is longer	N
	Until compliance (no minimum length)	N
	Other:	
	2 months	

The sanction escalates for subsequent infractions.	N
When a family might be subject to the sanction, state policy requires integrated case management between the TANF and child welfare agencies:	N

Bonuses

Teen parents receive a monetary bonus for:

School enrollment	N
School attendance	N
Each grade completed	N
GED completion	N
Graduation \$500	Y
Other:	
\$100 per report card if "satisfactory progress" maintained (2.0 GPA, on 4.0 scale).	

Exemptions for Teen Parents

Teen parents can be exempted from the school/training requirements under the following circumstances:

Married	N
Employed full-time	N
Caring for a young child	N
Caring for a disabled child	N
Expelled from school	Y
Over a specified age	N
In need of an alternative program that is not available	N
Necessary child care or transportation not available	Y
Other:	
Deferral allowed for postpartum period prescribed by physician, and when special need cannot be addressed.	

Alternative Education Placement for Minor Teen Parents	For minor parents not participating in school/training, eligibility criteria for alternative placements have been established.	N
	The state has established a policy regarding assessment of the need for an alternative placement.	N
Teen Parent Case Management	The state spent additional funds to add case management for teen parents subject to TANF school/training requirement.	Y
	Case management is provided.	
	Prior to sanctioning	Y
	Special case management "retrieves" dropouts for participation	N
Prioritizing Teen Parents for Services	Teen parents meeting TANF school/training requirement receive priority for:	
	Child care assistance	N
	Transportation assistance	N
	Specialized case management	N
	Other:	
	Cal-Learn demonstration project serves pregnant and parenting teens without a high school diploma or equivalent. Cal-Learn provides financial bonuses and sanctions, supportive services, and intensive case management to encourage teen parents to stay in or return to school and graduate.	
State Education Agency Role	State policy indicates the state education agency's role regarding the TANF school/training requirement.	Y
	The state education agency has been actively involved in:	
	Determining what is being measured (i.e., attendance)	Y
	Designing procedures for reaching dropouts	N
	Assessing students for alternative placements	N
	Designing new alternative placements	N

## Abstinence Education Program

State Match	<p>Funds counted towards the state match for abstinence education include:</p> <p>Existing state funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Existing abstinence-only, state funded school education programs</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Existing state-funded abstinence media campaigns</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Other existing state-funded programs:</p> <p>New state funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Local Agencies that receive federal funds will match, wherever possible. Additional required match, if necessary, will be determined later.</p> <p>In-kind support:</p> <p>Local support:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Agencies who wish to participate in the program who currently have local funds</p>	<p>N</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</p>
State Grant Process	<p>The state's design of its grants program included:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Creation of a state officials/citizen advisory group</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Issuance of an RFP for local program administration</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Issuance of an RFP for statewide abstinence-only activities</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Utilization of a scale to weigh competing proposals</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Memorandum of Agreement with state education agency</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Memorandum of Agreement with state health agency</p>	<p>N</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</p>
Funded Activities	<p>State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence education funding.</p>	<p>N</p>
Funded Groups	<p>State allows abstinence education funding to be awarded to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Organizations that provide "abstinence plus" education or other reproductive health information through other funding</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Religious organizations</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p>
Monitoring/Evaluation	<p>The state expects to conduct an evaluation of activities funded by the abstinence education block grant.</p>	<p>Y</p>

The evaluation will be conducted by:	
State health agency	Y
State academic institution	Y
The state will require grantees to evaluate their projects.	--

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Answer Key:

Y = Yes

-- = Not answered

N = No

Y\* = Not answered; policy inferred from other survey answers

N/A = Not applicable