



Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

Arizona

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	Y
	Conceived between spells of assistance lasting at least 12 months	Y
	Conceived as a result of rape or incest	Y
	Not living with biological parent	N
	Conceived as a result of failed contraception	N
	Eligible for state's family violence option	N
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.	N
	A family with a "capped" child retains more income from earnings.	Y
	A family retains more of the child support collected on behalf of a "capped " child.	N
	A family with a "capped" child is referred to family planning services. Statute and regulation require that families be informed about family planning services available through	Y

Minor Teen Parent Living Arrangement

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
	State policy describes circumstances in which adult supervision by non-relatives is appropriate.	N
Assistance in Locating Adult Supervision	State policy establishes what assistance will be provided.	N
Approvable Adult- Supervised Settings	State rules specify which types of adult supervision are allowed.	N
"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.	N
	State policy requires agency interaction with minor parents living independently, as follows:	Y
	Specialized case management	N
	Minor must report to TANF or other agency	N
	Other:	
	A minor parent living independently receives regular case management.	

Interagency Collaboration	<p>Child Welfare Agency</p> <p>Limited to assisting only those documented as abused or neglected</p> <p>Has a waiting list for placements</p> <p>Allows placement of minor mother and child in the same foster home</p> <p>Estimates these joint placements occur:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">More than 50% of the time</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Between 25 and 50% of the time</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Between 5 and 25% of the time</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Less than 5% of the time</p> <p>Housing Agency</p> <p>State housing agency/local authority has been engaged in discussions regarding the living arrangement policy.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p></p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p></p> <p>N</p>
Evaluation	<p>The living arrangement provision is being/will be evaluated.</p> <p>The evaluation is funded by:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The state</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The federal government</p>	<p>Y</p> <p></p> <p></p>

School/Training Participation Rules

Participation Required of Teen Parents	<p>A school/training requirement applies to all single and married teen parents under age: 20</p>	<p>Y</p>
Participation Required of Students Who Are Not Parents	<p>A school/training requirement applies to non-parents who are:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Elementary school students</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Middle school students</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">High school/equivalent students up to age: 16</p>	<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p>

How Participation is Measured	School attendance	Y
	Grades in class work	N
	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.	Y
	The first sanction for teen parents is:	
	A reduction in the family's grant: 25%	Y
	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	Y
	Until compliance (no minimum length)	N
	The sanction escalates for subsequent infractions.	Y
	In 2nd month of noncompliance, the grant is reduced by 50%; in the 3rd month, benefits are terminated.	
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	N
Exemptions for Teen Parents	Teen parents can be exempted from the school/training requirements under the following circumstances:	
	Married	N
	Employed full-time	Y

Caring for a child under age 12 weeks	Y
Caring for a disabled child	N
Expelled from school	N
Over a specified age	N
In need of an alternative program that is not available	N
Necessary child care or transportation not available	N
Other:	
If a teen parent is not attending high school or equivalent, she becomes JOBS mandatory, and is subject to JOBS regulation, including "good cause exception" for non-participation. Some of the situations above would qualify for a temporary deference or as "good cause exceptions."	

Alternative Education
Placement for Minor Teen
Parents

For minor parents not participating in school/training, eligibility criteria for alternative placements have been established.	N
State policy requires assessment of the need for an alternative placement for:	
Any individual having difficulty meeting the standard	N
Any individual who has already dropped out	N

Teen Parent Case
Management

The state spent additional funds to add case management for teen parents subject to TANF school/training requirement.	N
Special case management "retrieves" dropouts for participation in alternative activities.	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

State Education
Agency Role

State policy indicates the state education agency's role	N
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regarding the TANF school/training requirement.

The state education agency has been actively involved in:

- Determining what is being measured (i.e., attendance) N
- Designing procedures for reaching dropouts N
- Assessing students for alternative placements N
- Designing new alternative placements N

Abstinence Education Program

State Match

Funds counted towards the state match for abstinence education include:

Existing state funds:

- Existing abstinence-only, state funded school education programs N
- Existing state-funded abstinence media campaigns N
- Other existing state-funded programs: N

New state funds:

- The state's match will come from a Tobacco Tax Fund. Y

In-kind support:

N

Local support:

N

State Grant Process

The state's design of its grants program included:

- Creation of a state officials/citizen advisory group Y
- Issuance of an RFP for local program administration N
- Issuance of an RFP for statewide abstinence-only activities Y
- Utilization of a scale to weigh competing proposals N
- Memorandum of Agreement with state education agency N
- Memorandum of Agreement with state health agency N

Other:

A workgroup consisting of legislators, faith-based organizations, service providers and health department staff met to create the plan. The subsequent RFP for local projects reflects the plan created by this workgroup. Our program was further expanded by

state legislation allocating \$2 million in TANF funds to teen pregnancy prevention. This teen pregnancy prevention money must, by state law, follow the same definitions of abstinence as those of PRWORA.

Funded Activities	State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence education funding.	N
Funded Groups	State allows abstinence education funding to be awarded to: Organizations that provide "abstinence plus" education or other reproductive health information through other funding Religious organizations	Y Y
Monitoring/Evaluation	The state expects to conduct an evaluation of activities funded by the abstinence education block grant. The evaluation will be conducted by: State health agency State academic institution Other: An RFP for an evaluation consultant will be issued the middle of January 1998. Grantees will not be funded to conduct individual evaluations. The evaluation consultant will be expected to conduct all evaluation activities and grantees will be required to cooperate.	Y N N
	The state will require grantees to evaluate their projects.	N

Answer Key:

Y = Yes

-- = Not answered

N = No

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

N/A = Not applicable