



# Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

## Colorado

### Family Cap

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The state does not have a family cap policy.

### 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.	N
	The child welfare agency assesses minors seeking independent living.	N
	Community non-profits assess minors seeking independent living.	N
	Other: Child welfare is part of the TANF agency	

	State policy describes circumstances in which adult supervision by non-relatives is appropriate.	N
	Other: County discretion	
Assistance in Locating Adult Supervision	State policy establishes what assistance will be provided. Other: State rules require the county to "assist."	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: County discretion	
Payments	The state automatically considers a minor teen parent living in an adult-supervised setting a "head of household."  When minor parents receive their own assistance, the cash grant is given to:	N
	The teen directly	Y
	The parent	N
	A supervisory adult	N
State Data	The number of minor parent recipients is collected.	Y
	The number of minor parent recipients is reported.	Y
	Latest total number: 231 for 10/97	
	A separate number is reported for those "embedded" or	N

	"nested" within adult households.	
	A separate number is reported for those who head households.	N
	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.	N
	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	Y
	Has a waiting list for placements	N
	Allows placement of minor mother and child in the same foster home	Y
	Estimates these joint placements occur:	
	More than 50% of the time	N
	Between 25 and 50% of the time	Y
	Between 5 and 25% of the time	N
	Less than 5% of the time	N
	Housing Agency	
	State housing agency/local authority has been engaged in discussions regarding the living arrangement policy.	N
Evaluation	The living arrangement provision is being/will be evaluated.	N

## School/Training Participation Rules

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Participation Required of Teen Parents	A school/training requirement applies to all single teen parents under age: 18	Y
Participation Required of Students Who Are Not Parents	The state requires school/training of students who are not parents.	N
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.	N/A
	The first sanction for teen parents is:	
	A reduction in the family's grant:	N
	Elimination of the family's grant	Y
	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)	Y
	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	N
Counties have discretion to create incentives.	

Exemptions for Teen Parents

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

Married	Y
Employed full-time	N
Caring for a young child	N
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

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.	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 regarding the TANF school/training requirement.	N
	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:	N
	In-kind support:	Y
	Volunteer hours of the State Abstinence Education Steering Committee	
	Local support:	Y
	Local programs receiving the federal dollars were required to demonstrate a match of a least 3 for every 4 dollars requested. Some local communities have a greater match than required.	
	Other:	
	State Department of Education dollar for evaluation match.	

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	Y
	Issuance of an RFP for statewide abstinence-only activities	N
	Utilization of a scale to weigh competing proposals	Y

	Memorandum of Agreement with state education agency	Y
	Memorandum of Agreement with state health agency	N
Funded Activities	State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence education funding.	Y
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	Y
	Religious organizations	Y
Monitoring/Evaluation	The state expects to conduct an evaluation of activities funded by the abstinence education block grant.	Y
	The evaluation will be conducted by:	
	State health agency	N
	State academic institution	N
	Other:	
	Yet to be determined. It will either be a state academic institution or a private evaluation consultant.	
	The state will require grantees to evaluate their projects.	Y

Answer Key:

Y = Yes

-- = Not answered

N = No

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

N/A = Not applicable