



Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

Florida

Family Cap

Benefits to Family with Excluded Child	The traditional incremental cash increase is denied.	N
	The traditional incremental cash increase is reduced. One-half the regular benefit amount for the first child subject to the family cap; no additional benefit for subsequent children.	Y
	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 6 months	Y
	Conceived as a result of rape or incest	Y
	Not living with biological parent Child is no longer living with the parent because of a legal custody transfer, death, incarceration, incapacity, or extended institutionalization.	Y
	Conceived as a result of failed contraception	N
	Eligible for state's family violence option	N
Other(s): Rape or incest - so long as it is reported to police within 30 days.		

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.	N
	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.	N

Minor Teen Parent Living Arrangement

Rules Issued	The TANF agency issued rules/guidance.	N
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
	State policy describes circumstances in which adult supervision by non-relatives is appropriate.	Y
	If no parent/guardian willing to be responsible for teen	N
	If there is reported abuse/neglect	N
	If there is concern about abuse/neglect	N
	If current caretaker abuses alcohol or drugs	N
	If no permanent housing is available	N
	If there is housing overcrowding	N
	Other:	
	Minor parent must live with parent or in another adult supervised setting except when living with that parent or	

adult would jeopardize the physical or emotional health or safety of the minor parent, it is not in the teen's best interest, or the teen has been living independently for at least 1 year.

Assistance in Locating Adult Supervision	State policy establishes what assistance will be provided.	Y
	Referral to child welfare	N
	Case management	N
	List of possible "second chance" homes	N
	State-funded cash assistance during assessment period	N
	Other:	
	The state is required by statute to assist a teen who needs another living arrangement to find one and to provide counseling to assist the teen in the transition to supervised living.	
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	Y
	With a family through the foster care system	Y
	With an adult non-relative	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.	Y
	No supervised living slot available	N
	Minor is successfully living on own	Y
	Minor is about to turn 18	N
	State policy requires agency interaction with minor parents living independently.	N
Payments	The state automatically considers a minor teen parent living in an adult-supervised setting a "head of household."	Y
	When minor parents receive their own assistance, the cash grant is given to:	
	The teen directly	N

	Between 25 and 50% of the time	N
	Between 5 and 25% of the time	N
	Less than 5% of the time	Y
	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

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

	One month or until compliance, whichever is longer	N
	Until compliance (no minimum length)	Y
	The sanction escalates for subsequent infractions.	Y
	2nd sanction lasts for 30 days, 3rd lasts for 90 days.	
	The duration of the first sanction is:	
	When a family might be subject to the sanction, state policy requires integrated case management between the TANF and child welfare agencies:	N
	If the Department is unable to designate a payee or representative for the teen's child(ren), a referral for protective intervention is made.	
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	N
	Caring for a child under age 3 months	Y
	Caring for a disabled child	N
	Expelled from school	N
	Over age 16 and not expected to graduate by age 20	Y
	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.	--
	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
	Other:	
	Department of Education's teen parent assistance program works with teen parents on child care, transportation, and other services.	
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	Funds counted towards the state match for abstinence education include:	
	Existing state funds:	
	Existing abstinence-only, state funded school education	N

	programs	
	Existing state-funded abstinence media campaigns	N
	Other existing state-funded programs:	N
	New state funds:	N
	In-kind support:	Y
	Match will be generated from: media campaign competitive bid; request for proposal awards to applicants who must generate match; and the competitive bid process for evaluating awarded organizations' programs. This may include existing abstinence-only programs and locally generated dollars.	
	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	Y
	Memorandum of Agreement with state education agency	N
	Memorandum of Agreement with state health agency	N
Funded Activities	State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence education funding. Activities or curricula linked to contraception or contraceptive behavior, i.e. birth control, are not allowable. Activities or programs violating any part of the federal definition are not allowable.	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. The evaluation will be conducted by:	Y

State health agency	N
State academic institution	Y
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