



Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

Indiana

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
Other: The agency has promulgated a regulation which would allow for discretionary voucher (\$29/month) to provide items for child subject to family cap.	

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	Y
Conceived as a result of rape or incest	Y
Not living with biological parent Child resides with non-parent caretaker and parents are not in the home.	Y
Conceived as a result of failed contraception	N
Eligible for state's family violence option	N
Other(s): Baby had substantial physical or mental disability at birth, verified by a physician	

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. 12 weeks for family cap child; exemption age for caring for non-capped child is 12 months	Y
	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.	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
	Other: TANF and Child Welfare are in the same office. Where appropriate, cases are referred to the Child Welfare staff. State policy describes circumstances in which adult supervision by non-relatives is appropriate.	Y

	State policy describes circumstances under which 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	Y
	If current caretaker abuses alcohol or drugs	N
	If no permanent housing is available	N
	If there is housing overcrowding	N
	Other:	
	Minor has lived apart from parent or guardian for at least one year before birth of baby or application for assistance.	
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.	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	Y
	The parent	N
	A supervisory adult	Y
	Other:	
	In cases where teen is exempt from living arrangement requirement, the teen receives the grant. A minor parent may independently receive a TANF check (via a protective payee) as the eligible caretaker for his child when the minor parent is not a mandatory member of an existing assistance unit.	

	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.	Y
	The evaluation is funded by:	
	A federal grant for welfare reform demonstration evaluations.	

School/Training Participation Rules

Participation Required of Teen Parents	A school/training requirement applies to all single and married teen parents under age: 20	Y
	School attendance required of minor parents under age 18 who are in a "dependent child" position in an assistance group. Participation in IMPACT (welfare-to-work program) required for minor parents who head an assistance unit.	
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: 17	Y
How Participation is Measured	School attendance	Y
	Grades in class work	N
	Completion of the current grade	N
	Other:	
	Participation in IMPACT (state welfare-to-work program) is required for teen parents who are heads of household.	

Sanctions	<p>Teen parents and non-parents are subject to the same sanction for non-compliance with school attendance requirement.</p> <p>The first sanction for teen parents is:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A reduction in the family's grant:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">For teen parents who are not heads of household, the parent/caretaker's needs are removed from the grant. If parent complies, but child doesn't meet attendance requirement, child's needs are removed from grant. If parent doesn't comply and child doesn't meet requirement, both their needs will be removed from grant. Teen parent heads of household lose eligibility for 2 months for failure to comply with IMPACT requirements.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Elimination of the family's grant</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Vendor payments for rent and utilities</p> <p>The duration of the first sanction is:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">One month or until compliance, whichever is longer</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Until compliance (no minimum length)</p> <p>The sanction escalates for subsequent infractions.</p> <p>When a family might be subject to the sanction, state policy requires integrated case management between the TANF and child welfare agencies:</p>	<p>N</p> <p></p> <p>Y</p> <p></p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p></p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p></p>
Bonuses	<p>Teen parents receive a monetary bonus for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">School enrollment</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">School attendance</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Each grade completed</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">GED completion</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Graduation</p>	<p></p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>
Exemptions for Teen Parents	<p>Teen parents can be exempted from the school/training requirements under the following circumstances:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Married</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Employed full-time</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Caring for a young child</p>	<p></p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>

	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	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
	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
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.	Y
	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	<p>Funds counted towards the state match for abstinence education include:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Existing state funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Existing abstinence-only, state funded school education programs</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Existing state-funded abstinence media campaigns</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Other existing state-funded programs:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">New state funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">In-kind support:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Local support:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Other:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">State-funded adolescent pregnancy prevention initiative.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</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>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>
Funded Activities	<p>State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence education funding.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Programs may not provide instruction regarding the use of family planning, contraceptive methods, or disease-reduction methods; provide medical services or medical supplies; or promote religion or provide religious</p>	<p>Y</p>
Funded Groups	<p>State allows abstinence education funding to be awarded to:</p>	

	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	Y
	Other:	
	Collaborative effort among state universities	
	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