



# Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

## Kansas

### 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.	Y
	Community non-profits assess minors seeking independent living.	Y
	Other: Documentation of jeopardy to the teen's health & safety if s/he remains in the home is accepted from: law enforcement personnel; domestic violence counselors; ministers and priests.	

	State policy describes circumstances in which adult supervision by non-relatives is appropriate.	N
	Other: Child welfare regulations stipulate reasons	
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	N
	Group home through the foster care system	N
	With a family through the foster care system	N
	With an adult non-relative	Y
	Other: Live with adult boyfriend or family of boyfriend (he must be the father of the child.) Live independently with supervision by child welfare case manager.	
"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	N
	Minor is about to turn 18	N
	Other: Minor is emancipated; parents of the minor are institutionalized or the minor has no parent who is living or whose whereabouts are known and there is no other caretaker who is willing to assume parental control; the health and safety of the minor has been or would be jeopardized by remaining in the household with the minor's parents or other caretakers. Such status must be documented by an independent source such as social services, law enforcement, religious authorities, or a domestic violence shelter	



chance" homes.

Source of funds:

Title IV-E Foster Care & Independent Living

Interagency  
Collaboration

Child Welfare Agency

Limited to assisting only those documented as abused or neglected N

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 Y

Between 25 and 50% of the time N

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**

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:	Y
	If teen parent is not the head of household, only (s)he is ineligible for assistance; otherwise, the family is ineligible.	
	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.	Y
	If the subsequent infraction is deemed to be a failure to meet a work related requirement, the period of ineligibility is two months or until the individual complies, whichever is longer.	
	When a family might be subject to the sanction, state policy requires integrated case management between the TANF and child welfare agencies:	Y
	For all teen parents receiving TANF	
	Other TANF/child welfare coordination:	
	Before a sanction is imposed, TANF contacts child welfare to determine if they are involved with the family (not limited to teen parents) and if so, if they know of good cause for the infraction. If they know of good cause, no sanction is applied. If there is no good cause but child welfare is involved with the family, child welfare case manager will work with the family to resolve the sanction.	
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	Y
	Employed full-time	N
	Caring for a child under age 3 months	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
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
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**

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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:	N
	Local support:	Y
	Other:	
	All funds are awarded to contractors, who must put up the 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	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

Funded Activities	State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence education funding. Ineligible activities are those not allowable per federal guidance materials.	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 Religious organizations	N N
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 The state will require grantees to evaluate their projects.	Y  N Y Y

Answer Key:

Y = Yes

-- = Not answered

N = No

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

N/A = Not applicable