



# Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

## Kentucky

### 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.	N
	The child welfare agency assesses minors seeking independent living.	Y
	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	Y
	If there is reported abuse/neglect	Y
	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
Assistance in Locating Adult Supervision	State policy establishes what assistance will be provided.	Y
	Referral to child welfare	Y
	Case management	Y
	State-funded cash assistance during assessment period	N
	Other: State regulations contain a general pledge to "assist" in finding appropriate arrangements when no relative is available or appropriate.	
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	N
	With a family through the foster care system	N
	With an adult non-relative	N
	Other: Live in a second chance home, a maternity home, or an "appropriate adult supervised supportive living arrangement."	
"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
	List of possible "second chance" homes	Y

	Minor is successfully living on own	Y
	Minor is about to turn 18	N
	Other: Broad "best interest" standard	
	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	Y
	Other: All teens must have a "Teen Parent Responsibility Plan" and must verify school/work activity. No provisions on specific interactions once an independent living arrangement is approved.	
Payments	The state automatically considers a minor teen parent living in an adult-supervised setting a "head of household."	N
	When minor parents receive their own assistance, the cash grant is given to:	
	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: 1,881 for 9/97	
	A separate number is reported for those "embedded" or "nested" within adult households.	Y
	Latest number of "embedded": 1,726	
	A separate number is reported for those who head households.	Y
	Latest number of "heads": 155	
	A separate number is reported for minors ineligible due to TANF living arrangement rule.	Y
	Latest number ineligible: 0	

from 04-97 to 04-98

	The state estimates the need for adult supervised settings.	--
	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	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**

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Participation Required of Teen Parents	A school/training requirement applies to all single and married teen parents under age: 18	Y
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Participation Required of Students Who Are Not Parents	A school/training requirement applies to non-parents who are:	Y
	Elementary school students	N
	Middle school students	N
	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
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: Teen parent's share of the grant	Y
	Elimination of the family's grant	N
	Vendor payments for rent and utilities	N
	The duration of the first sanction is:	
	Until compliance (no minimum length)	Y
	One month or until compliance, whichever is longer	N
	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:	Y
	For all teen parents receiving TANF	
	Other TANF/child welfare coordination:	
	A multi-agency team is available to review and assist in cases of proposed sanctions. This includes TANF agency, child welfare, and school Family and Youth Resource Center staff.	
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	Y
	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
	Other:	
	Those under 18 may show that they have already completed school. "Employed full-time" exemption applies only to 18 and 19 year olds.	
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
	Case management is provided.	
	Prior to sanctioning	Y
	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:  
Child care and transportation are described in  
regulations (supportive services for Kentucky Works)  
as "entitlements." All participants should qualify.

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) Y
- Designing procedures for reaching dropouts N
- Assessing students for alternative placements N
- Designing new alternative placements N
- Other:  
Sentence in state plan calls for "in-school programs for  
teens."

## **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 Y
  - Other existing state-funded programs: N
- New state funds: N
- In-kind support: Y
  - Bonus advertising through media campaign Administrative  
staff support.

	Local support: Local projects funded through the Request for Proposal process. Local sites must provide match.	Y
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	N
	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. Curricula must be science-based and must be evaluated.	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	Y
	Religious organizations	N
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
	The state will require grantees to evaluate their projects.	Y

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Answer Key:

Y = Yes

-- = Not answered

N = No

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

N/A = Not applicable