



# Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

## Maryland

### Family Cap

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Benefits to Family with Excluded Child	The traditional incremental cash increase is denied.	N
	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.	Y
	Other: Or paid into a restricted account	
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	N
	Conceived as a result of rape or incest	Y
	Not living with biological parent	Y
	Another caretaker relative has obtained legal guardianship	
	Conceived as a result of failed contraception	N
	Eligible for state's family violence option	N
	Other(s): Child is placed in the home of a caretaker relative by the local department of social services	

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**

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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	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:		



	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.	Y
Interagency Collaboration	Child Welfare Agency	
	Limited to assisting only those documented as abused or neglected	N
	Has a waiting list for placements	Y
	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	N
	Between 5 and 25% of the time	Y
	Less than 5% of the time	N
	Housing Agency	
	State housing agency/local authority has been engaged in discussions regarding the living arrangement policy.	Y
	Preliminary discussion between the housing agency and the Second Chance Homes Advisory Committee.	
Evaluation	The living arrangement provision is being/will be evaluated.	Y
	The evaluation is funded by:	
	The state	

## 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	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:	Y
	Elimination of minor parent's assistance	
	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:	N

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 12 weeks	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
	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
	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
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
	Other:	
	Providing attendance and other demographic information	

## **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:	Y
	Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy; Hot Spots; Abell Foundation programs	
	New state funds:	N
	In-kind support:	N

	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	Y
	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
	Other:	
	Memo of Understanding with Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy.	
Funded Activities	State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence education funding.	Y
	Any program that does not comply with Notice of Availability of Funds. Cannot be used to teach religion.	
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:	
	A consultant who may be from an academic institution or another state or national organization.	
	The state will require grantees to evaluate their projects.	Y

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Answer Key:

Y = Yes

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N = No

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

N/A = Not applicable