



# Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

## North Carolina

### Family Cap

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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
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
	Custody has been transferred voluntarily; child is placed elsewhere by DSS and DSS has custody; court has ordered transfer of custody; or when child lives with non-parent caretaker due to: death of parent, incapacity or disability of parent verified by a physician, incarceration of parent, or institutionalization of parent.	
	Conceived as a result of failed contraception	N
	Eligible for state's family violence option	N
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.	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	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.	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.	Y
	No supervised living slot available	Y
	Minor is successfully living on own	N
	Minor is about to turn 18	N
	Other: Minor parent has not living parent or legal guardian; physical health or safety is jeopardized living with parent or legal guardian; minor has lived away from parent or guardian for 1 year prior to birth of child or prior to Work First application; parent or legal guardian will not allow minor to live with them; DSS director determines it would be detrimental to minor for other reason than above and there is no other adult supervised arrangement available	Y
	State policy requires agency interaction with minor parents living independently, as follows:	N
	Specialized case management Minor must report to TANF or other agency	N
Other: Minor may be referred to Child Protective Services at caseworker discretion.	N	
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:	N
	The teen directly	N
	The parent	Y
	A supervisory adult	Y
Other: Payment goes to the adult with whom minor lives or to a protective payee if living independently		

State Data	The number of minor parent recipients is collected.	Y
	The number of minor parent recipients is reported.	Y
	Latest total number:	Not provided
	A separate number is reported for those "embedded" or "nested" within adult households.	N
	A separate number is reported for those who head households.	Y
	Latest number of "heads":	155
		for 4/98
	A separate number is reported for minors ineligible due to TANF living arrangement rule.	N
	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.	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	--
	Between 25 and 50% of the time	--
	Between 5 and 25% of the time	--
	Less than 5% of the time	--
	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
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### School/Training Participation Rules

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	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

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: \$50	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)	N
	One month or until compliance, whichever is longer	N
	Other:	
	3 months	

	The sanction escalates for subsequent infractions. 2nd sanction is \$75 for 3 months; 3rd is \$75 for 6 months; 4th is \$75 for 12 months.	Y
	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 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
Alternative Education Placement for Minor Teen Parents	For minor parents not participating in school/training, eligibility criteria for alternative placements have been established.	Y
	Approvable alternative placements:	
	Mentoring programs	N
	Youth employment training	Y
	Others:	
	Short-term skills training, remedial training, literacy training.	

	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
	Others:	
	Any individual who already has a GED, or has been suspended or expelled from school.	
Teen Parent Case Management	The state spent additional funds to add case management for teen parents subject to TANF school/training requirement.	N
	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	Y
	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:	
	Local school districts set attendance standards.	

## Abstinence Education Program

State Match	<p>Funds counted towards the state match for abstinence education include:</p> <p>Existing state funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Existing abstinence-only, state funded school education programs</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Existing state-funded abstinence media campaigns</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Other existing state-funded programs:</p> <p>New state funds:</p> <p>In-kind support:</p> <p>Local support:</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>Y</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>Other:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Negotiation of rules/responsibilities with state education agency. Solicitation and review of public comments.</p>	<p></p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p></p>
Funded Activities	<p>State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence education funding.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Activities inconsistent with the legislation</p>	<p>Y</p> <p></p>
Funded Groups	<p>State allows abstinence education funding to be awarded to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Organizations that provide "abstinence plus" education or other reproductive health information through other funding</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Religious organizations</p>	<p></p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>

Monitoring/Evaluation	The state expects to conduct an evaluation of activities funded by the abstinence education block grant.	--
	The state will require grantees to evaluate their projects.	--

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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