



Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

North Dakota

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
Exemptions from the Family Cap	A child may be exempt from the family cap if:	
	Born less than 10 months after case opened	N
	First-born child of minor TANF parent	N
	Conceived between spells of assistance	N
	Conceived as a result of rape or incest	Y
	Not living with biological parent	N
	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

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.	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.	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:	
	State supported adult supervised supported living arrangement.	

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: 16	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:	Y
	Teen parent's needs removed from the grant	
	Elimination of the family's grant	N
	Vendor payments for rent and utilities	N
	The duration of the first sanction is:	
	One month or until compliance, whichever is longer	Y
	Until compliance (no minimum length)	N
	The sanction escalates for subsequent infractions.	Y
	2nd sanction lasts a minimum of 2 months. In 5th month of noncompliance, entire household loses eligibility.	
	3rd sanction lasts a minimum of 3 months. In 5th month of noncompliance, entire household loses eligibility.	

	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	Y
	\$500 for completion of high school degree or GED	
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 child under age 4 months	Y
	Caring for a disabled child	Y
	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	Y
	Other:	
	Education level equals 12 years; temporary illness or incapacity	
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	N
	Others:	

JOBS-approved alternative education or training program such as Job Corp or JTPA

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

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. 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

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:	N
	Other:	
	Local entities will be subgranted funds and will provide required match.	
State Grant Process	The state's design of its grants program included:	
	Creation of a state officials/citizen advisory group	N
	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
Funded Activities	State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence education funding.	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.	N
	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	Y
	State academic institution	N
	The state will require grantees to evaluate their projects.	Y

Answer Key:

Y = Yes

-- = Not answered

N = No

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

N/A = Not applicable