



Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

New Mexico

Family Cap

The state does not have a family cap policy.

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.	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
	Other:	
	There is good cause.	
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	Y
	Group home through the foster care system	Y
	With a family through the foster care system	Y
	With an adult non-relative	Y
"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:	
	When "there is otherwise good cause"	
	State policy requires agency interaction with minor parents living independently.	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:

- The teen directly Y
- The parent Y
- A supervisory adult Y
- Other:
 - Given to the teen directly only if (s)he is living independently

State Data	The number of minor parent recipients is collected.	N
	The number of minor parent recipients is reported.	--
	A separate number is reported for those "embedded" or "nested" within adult households.	N
	A separate number is reported for those who head households.	N
	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	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	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	A school/training requirement applies to non-parents who are:	Y
	Elementary school students	N
	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.	Y
	The first sanction for teen parents is:	
	A reduction in the family's grant:	N

	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	Y
	Until compliance (no minimum length)	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 age 18 and not expected to graduate by age 20	Y
	In need of an alternative program that is not available	N
	Necessary child care or transportation not available	Y
	Other:	
	Recipient is disabled	

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:	
	GED or home schooling approved by the Department of Education	
	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
	Special case management "retrieves" dropouts for participation in alternative activities.	--
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

State Match	<p>Funds counted towards the state match for abstinence education include:</p> <p>Existing state funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Existing abstinence-only, state funded school education programs</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Existing state-funded abstinence media campaigns</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Other existing state-funded programs: community based programs</p> <p>New state funds:</p> <p>In-kind support:</p> <p>Local support:</p> <p>Other: Medicaid for marketing campaign</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p></p>
State Grant Process	<p>The state's design of its grants program included:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Creation of a state officials/citizen advisory group</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Issuance of an RFP for local program administration</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Issuance of an RFP for statewide abstinence-only activities</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Utilization of a scale to weigh competing proposals</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Memorandum of Agreement with state education agency</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Memorandum of Agreement with state health agency</p> <p>Other: Regional forums with widely varied attendees to</p>	<p></p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p></p>
Funded Activities	<p>State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence</p>	<p>N</p>
Funded Groups	<p>State allows abstinence education funding to be awarded to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Organizations that provide "abstinence plus" education or other reproductive health information through other funding</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Religious organizations</p>	<p></p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p>

Monitoring/Evaluation	The state expects to conduct an evaluation of activities funded by the abstinence education block grant. The evaluation will be conducted by:	Y
	State health agency	N
	State academic institution	N
	Other: Independent professional under contract paid by health agency.	
	The state will require grantees to evaluate their projects. explore common ground & to develop principles for abstinence education.	Y

Answer Key:

Y = Yes

-- = Not answered

N = No

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

N/A = Not applicable