



# Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

## Oklahoma

### 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.	Y
	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	Y
	Conceived as a result of rape or incest	N
	Conceived as a result of failed contraception	N
	Not living with biological parent	Y
	Any case that meets child-only criteria	
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



Assistance in Locating Adult Supervision	State policy establishes what assistance will be provided.	Y
	Referral to child welfare	Y
	Case management	Y
	List of possible "second chance" homes	N
	State-funded cash assistance during assessment period	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	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	N
	Minor is successfully living on own	N
	Minor is about to turn 18	N
	Other:	
	Minor has been emancipated; minor lived on own for some time before the birth of the child	
	State policy requires agency interaction with minor parents living independently, as follows:	Y
	Specialized case management	Y
	Minor must report to TANF or other agency	N
Payments	The state automatically considers a minor teen parent living in an adult-supervised setting a "head of household."	Y
	When minor parents receive their own assistance, the cash grant is given to:	
	The teen directly	Y
	The parent	N
	A supervisory adult	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:

Oklahoma Department of Human Services is responsible for both TANF and child welfare. There is integrated case management for all TANF recipients. For all cases closed due to a sanction, a mandatory 30-day follow-up is required to assure the safety and well-being of the children.

#### 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	Y

Other:

Case manager has discretion not to impose sanction for not meeting work requirement if indicated for a variety of reasons

Alternative Education Placement for Minor Teen Parents	For minor parents not participating in school/training, eligibility criteria for alternative placements have been established.  State policy requires assessment of the need for an alternative placement for:	N
	Any individual having difficulty meeting the standard	Y
	Any individual who has already dropped out	Y
Teen Parent Case Management	The state spent additional funds to add case management for teen parents subject to TANF school/training requirement.	Y
	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 contracted services for GED and basic education for all TANF clients referred.	

## 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: Behavioral Health Division Funds.</p> <p>New state funds:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Legislature approved \$100,000 in state funds.</p> <p>In-kind support:</p> <p>Local support:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">BACH community-based project provides its own match.</p> <p>Other:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Match for community projects must be provided by each project in state or local funds or in kind. State teen pregnancy projects are not abstinence-only and cannot be used for match. We are requesting new state dollars for match for 1999.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</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>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>
Funded Activities	<p>State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">RFP is not exclusionary; it specifies the types of activities that are acceptable. Primary target age group is 15 to 17 years of age; projects must meet federal priorities in content.</p>	<p>Y</p>

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	Y
	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