



Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

South Carolina

Family Cap

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	N
	Conceived as a result of rape or incest	Y
	Conceived as a result of failed contraception	N
	Not living with biological parent	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	Y

services.

All recipients are encouraged to participate in family planning, but it is not mandatory.

Minor Teen Parent Living Arrangement

Rules Issued	The TANF agency issued rules/guidance.	N
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.	--
	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	Y
	If no permanent housing is available	Y
	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	N
	Minor is successfully living on own	N
	Minor is about to turn 18	N
	Other:	
	Good cause due to harm	
	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	Y
	A supervisory adult	Y
	Other:	
	Any of the above, depending on the case	
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	Y
	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.	--

School/Training Participation Rules

Participation Required of Teen Parents	A school/training requirement applies to all single and married teen parents under age: 20	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	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
	Mother's and child's share of the grant	
	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 1 year	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	Y
	Necessary child care or transportation not available	Y
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	Y
	Any individual who has already dropped out	Y
	Criteria for determining the need for an alternative placement are set by:	
	State welfare agency	Y
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.	Y
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	Y
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> Existing abstinence-only, state funded school education programs</p>	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:	
	State dollars used to support the Title X program.	
State Grant Process	<p>The state's design of its grants program included:</p> <p> Creation of a state officials/citizen advisory group</p>	Y
	Issuance of an RFP for local program administration	N
	Issuance of an RFP for statewide abstinence-only activities	Y
	Utilization of a scale to weigh competing proposals	Y
	Memorandum of Agreement with state education agency	N
	Memorandum of Agreement with state health agency	N
	Other:	
	One member of seven-member Steering Committee appointed by the Governor is a Title V representative.	

Funded Activities	State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence education funding. Only those activities which adhere to the legislative intent will be funded.	Y
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 Religious organizations	Y Y
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.	N Y

Answer Key:

Y = Yes

-- = Not answered

N = No

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

N/A = Not applicable