



Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

South Dakota

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	Y
	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.	N
	State policy requires agency interaction with minor parents living independently, as follows:	Y
	Specialized case management	N
	Minor must report to TANF or other agency	Y
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	N
	The parent	N
	A supervisory adult	N
	Other:	
	Protective payee	
State Data	The number of minor parent recipients is collected.	Y
	The number of minor parent recipients is reported.	N
	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	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	The state requires school/training of students who are not parents.	N
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.	N/A
	The first sanction for teen parents is:	
	A reduction in the family's grant:	Y
	\$50 per month of noncompliance (\$150 maximum per individual)	
	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:	Y
	For all teen parents receiving TANF	

Bonuses	<p>Teen parents receive a monetary bonus for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School enrollment School attendance Each grade completed GED completion Graduation 	<p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>
Exemptions for Teen Parents	<p>Teen parents can be exempted from the school/training requirements under the following circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married Employed full-time Caring for a child under age 12 weeks Caring for a disabled child Expelled from school Over a specified age In need of an alternative program that is not available Necessary child care or transportation not available 	<p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</p>
Alternative Education Placement for Minor Teen Parents	<p>For minor parents not participating in school/training, eligibility criteria for alternative placements have been established.</p> <p>Approvable alternative placements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mentoring programs Youth employment training Others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vocational training/and or university training approved prior to 12/7/96 <p>The state has established a policy regarding assessment of the need for an alternative placement.</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p>
Teen Parent Case Management	<p>The state spent additional funds to add case management for teen parents subject to TANF school/training requirement.</p>	<p>N</p>

	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	Y
	Transportation assistance	Y
	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:	
	Education Department plays a liaison role.	

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:	Y
	The portion of the abstinence grant dollars which will be	

utilized by the Department of Health for administrative purposes will be matched with state general fund dollars.

In-kind support: N

Local support: N

Other:

The majority of the abstinence education funds will be distributed to local entities. These local entities will be required to provide a portion of the state 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 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

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 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 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