



Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

Utah

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	N
	If current caretaker abuses alcohol or drugs	N
	If no permanent housing is available	N
	If there is housing overcrowding	N
	Other:	
	Whereabouts of parent/guardian/adult unknown; minor parent lived independently from parent/guardian/adult for at least one year prior to application for assistance and was self-supporting during that time	
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
	Other:	
	Local office will help minor parents locate a suitable supervised living arrangement if good cause is determined for the minor parent to not live at home.	
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	Y
	Minor is successfully living on own	Y
	Minor is about to turn 18	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 N

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. Y

A program called Success provides joint case management and one employment plan. The program is not yet statewide.

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 N

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.	N
	The first sanction for teen parents is:	
	A reduction in the family's grant: \$100	Y
	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	N
	Until compliance (no minimum length)	Y
	The sanction escalates for subsequent infractions.	Y
	In 3rd month of noncompliance, the case is closed.	
	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 \$40 enhanced payment each month for full time attendance.	Y
	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	Y

	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	N
Alternative Education Placement for Minor Teen Parents	For minor parents not participating in school/training, eligibility criteria for alternative placements have been established.	N
	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.	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	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:</p> <p>New state funds:</p> <p>In-kind support:</p> <p>Local support:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Applicants for funds to implement abstinence education programs were required to supply non-federal match.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</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: 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></p> <p>N</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 education funding.</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.	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