



# Reproductive Health and TANF Teens and TANF

## Michigan

### Family Cap

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The state does not have a family cap policy.

### Minor Teen Parent Living Arrangement

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Rules Issued	The TANF agency issued rules/guidance.	--
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	Y
	Other:	
	Teen parent is a runaway. Exceptions are made when a teen is age 17 or older.	
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	Y
	Other:	
"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	Y
	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
	Other:	
	School attendance is mandatory; proof of attendance would be required.	
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	N
	The parent	N
	A supervisory adult	Y
State Data	The number of minor parent recipients is collected.	Y
	The number of minor parent recipients is reported.	Y
	Latest total number: 100 for 8/98	
	A separate number is reported for those "embedded" or "nested" within adult households.	Y
	Latest number of "embedded": 0	
	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.	Y
	Latest number ineligible: 233 from 08-97 to 04-98	
	The state estimates the need for adult supervised settings.	Y
	The state reports the number of minor parents by living arrangement type.	--
	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.	--

Interagency Collaboration	<p>Child Welfare Agency</p> <p>Limited to assisting only those documented as abused or neglected --</p> <p>Has a waiting list for placements N</p> <p>Allows placement of minor mother and child in the same foster home --</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Estimates these joint placements occur:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">More than 50% of the time --</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Between 25 and 50% of the time --</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Between 5 and 25% of the time --</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">Less than 5% of the time --</p> <p>Housing Agency</p> <p>State housing agency/local authority has been engaged in discussions regarding the living arrangement policy. --</p>
Evaluation	<p>The living arrangement provision is being/will be evaluated. --</p>

### **School/Training Participation Rules**

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Participation Required of Teen Parents	<p>A school/training requirement applies to all single teen parents under age: 18 Y</p>
Participation Required of Students Who Are Not Parents	<p>A school/training requirement applies to non-parents who are: Y</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Elementary school students N</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Middle school students N</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">High school/equivalent students up to age: 17 Y</p>
How Participation is Measured	<p>School attendance Y</p> <p>Grades in class work N</p>

	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:	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	N
	Until compliance (no minimum length)	Y
	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	Y
	Employed full-time	Y
	Caring for a child under age 3 months	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	N
	Necessary child care or transportation not available	N
	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.	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
	Case management is provided.	
	After 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

## **Abstinence Education Program**

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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: 725,000 pregnancy prevention funds specifically focused on abstinence</p> <p>New state funds:</p> <p>In-kind support: Campaign committee volunteer hours</p> <p>Local support: 20% match local funded communities rent, supplies, personal time</p>	<p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>N</p> <p>Y</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>Y</p>
Funded Activities	<p>State policy identifies activities that are ineligible for abstinence education funding.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Activities must be coalition driven and abstinence focused. No safe-sex messages.</p>	<p>N</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	N
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	N
	Other:	
	Michigan Public Health Institute, a private nonprofit organization which partners three universities and the state Department of Community Health.	
	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