



School/Training Requirements: Teen Parent Alternative Placements

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		Mentoring programs	Youth employment training	Other
Totals	16 Yes 34 No	5	15	21
Alabama	No There are no written criteria in Alabama Department of Human Resources' Assistance Payments Manual. The department judges each case individually, with an emphasis on approving alternative education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arizona	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arkansas	Yes Other educational activities can be approved only when: (1) minor parent has completed GED/high school; or (2) teen parent has learning disabilities or other problems that prevent participation in regular GED/high school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
California	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colorado	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connecticut	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Technical and vocational schools		
Delaware	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dist of Columbia	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Florida	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Georgia	Yes Criteria are set at local discretion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hawaii	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Idaho	No Child must go to school or alternative school or GED classes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Illinois	Yes Based upon family assessment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Virtually the same array of activities provided for adults, except that the overriding goal is to achieve a diploma or GED in addition to whatever else the teen does.		
Indiana	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Iowa	Yes Minor parents age 16-17 who are deemed incapable of participating in high school completion activities by the local education agency may choose other components of the Family Investment Agreement in which to participate.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Job Corps, job club, job search, vocational training, others		
Kansas	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kentucky	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Louisiana	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		For persons over age 16 not in school, compliance with the successor to the JOBS program is required.		
Maine	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maryland	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Massachusetts	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		20 hour per week program (GED or combination of GED and other activities); teen structured living program		
Michigan	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minnesota	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Statute allows most appropriate educational option; if there isn't an appropriate educational option, minors are referred for a social services plan (which can contain a variety of activities).		Social services or employment plans which can contain a variety of activities	
Mississippi	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Missouri	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Montana	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Teen parents can work out alternative activities with their caseworker		
Nebraska	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Mentoring programs and youth employment and training can be approved, but statute and regulation do not set out criteria.		
Nevada	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Some twenty activities can be approved in Personal Responsibility Plans.		
New Hampshire	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Jersey	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Another activity can be approved as a last resort.			

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New Mexico	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		GED or home schooling approved by the Department of Education		
New York	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North Carolina	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Short-term skills training, remedial training, literacy training.		
North Dakota	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		JOBS-approved alternative education or training program such as Job Corp or JTPA		
Ohio	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		For 18-19 year olds, any Ohio Works First activity		
Oklahoma	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oregon	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Alternative education placements are appropriate where (1) the individual's goal is employment in an occupation which has labor market demand, which does not require a high school diploma or GED, and which AFS determines will lead to self-sufficiency; and (2) the individual participates in skills training designed to lead to a literacy level of at least grade 8.9.		General skills training, GED or adult high school diploma	
Pennsylvania	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rhode Island	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Carolina	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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South Dakota	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Vocational training/and or university training approved prior to 12/7/96		
Tennessee	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Texas	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Custodial parents between the ages of 16 and 20 who do not meet the school attendance requirement must participate in the state's employment services program when one is available in the area.	GED program or home schooling that lead to a high school diploma or equivalent.		
Utah	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vermont	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Vermont does not apply a standardized educational approach for minor parents. Every teen has an individualized plan, which could include return to public school, participation in a PCC-based education program funded by DSW, Homeroom Model, tutorial services and GED preparation through ABE, etc.			
Virginia	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If a child is excused from school attendance by a local school board because of violations of school policies or because the child cannot benefit from education at the school, the local social services department "must explore the alternative programs" and if one is located in which the child can participate, a plan for the child's participation must be developed. If no alternative program is available or appropriate, the child cannot be sanctioned for failing to attend school.	Job Corps Program; alternative approved by local school districts		

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Washington	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Alternative high schools, home school approved through local school district		
West Virginia	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If teen parents are not allowed to return to the public school system or if such a return is "inappropriate" they must be placed in an alternative setting.		Adult Basic Education classes or alternative schools approved by the Service Coordinator.	
Wisconsin	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	A minor parent who is over 16 years of age and not participating in required Learnfare activities is mandatory for the Food Stamp Employment Training Program.			
Wyoming	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>