

## Program Concepts

The health of pregnant teens and their babies can be greatly improved.

The preparation for becoming a responsible parent can be significantly enhanced.

The improved health and school-readiness of the children of these parenting students can be attained through child care in a safe, healthy, and stimulating environment.

The prevention of a repeat pregnancy during the teen years can positively affect the lives of parents and children and will reduce the drain on welfare programs.

The continuation of a high school education will increase wage-earning opportunities and therefore directly improve the quality of life.



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## Teen Parent Program



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## Who May Participate?

The Teenage Parent (TAP) program is a voluntary student support and assistance program designed to provide a specialized parenting curriculum. The program also coordinates ancillary services to meet the needs of students who are pregnant and students who are mothers or fathers.

This program is available to any student who is currently working towards a high school diploma and can document their pregnancy or with the documented birth of their child.

In addition, babies of parents who are enrolled in the TAP program or have completed the program may participate.

Upon completion of the program students may earn an elective half credit (.5) in each of the following courses:

Health for Expectant Parents  
Parenting I  
Parenting II  
Parenting Skills

### **ANCILLARY SERVICES:**

Child care, social services, health services and transportation are all coordinated by Teen Parent Resource teacher with parenting students and their eligible children.

### **CHILD CARE:**

Developmentally appropriate child care is provided for eligible children through contracted services with Department of Children and Family Services approved providers.

### **HEALTH SERVICES:**

Pre- and postnatal health care is provided by the Lake County Public Health Department. Students are referred to other health services as needed.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES:**

Personal and family counseling is available through the school system and the Department of Children and Family Services for eligible students. Other public and private agencies provide material and support when possible.

### **TRANSPORTATION:**

Bus transportation is provided for all eligible students and their children. Babies must ride in an approved safety seat provided by the parent.



## How our program helps

- Encourage and support academic achievement and school attendance.
- Help coordinate social and health services for the family.
- Coordinate transportation and daycare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.
- Deliver parenting curriculum in such topics as prenatal health, labor and delivery, postnatal health, the benefits of sexual abstinence, and the impact of repeat pregnancies. Parenting skills curriculum includes instruction in the stages of child growth and development, methods for aiding in the intellectual, language, physical, and social development of children, and guidance on constructive play activities.