

Teen Parenting Services Network (TPSN)

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)

OVERVIEW

The **Teen Parenting Service Network** is responsible for monitoring and ensuring client rights of all pregnant and parenting teen wards of the state of Illinois and their children. TPSN offers supportive services to DCFS case management agencies across the state, such as staff training and linkages to community services. In Cook and the collar counties, TPSN offers direct services to clients, including:

- Educational Mentoring
- Clinical therapy
- Family support services

WHO IS SERVED?

Population(s)/Age Group:

Pregnant and parenting wards of the state and children of youth wards who become wards of the state.

Eligibility Criteria and Screening Tools:

Wards of the state who are pregnant or parenting and their children are automatically eligible to be part of the Network. TPSN participants are strongly encouraged to participate in the DCFS Early Childhood Project, which includes developmental screening for children 0-3.

HOW ARE SERVICES DELIVERED?

Local Service System:

UCAN, a community-based organization located in Chicago, is the state program administrator for TPSN.

Referrals into Program:

DCFS caseworker submits UIR (unusual incident report) with proof of pregnancy to refer youth to TPSN.

Data Systems Used:

Internal data system with statistics reported to DCFS

STATE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR OR CONTACT

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