

Teen Parent Services (TPS)

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)

OVERVIEW

Teen Parent Services (TPS) helps low-income teenage parents get the education and training they need to become self-sufficient, postpone subsequent births, connect to medical and social services, and work through the TANF application process. TPS can also help parents find and pay for child care.

Additional services may include:

- Comprehensive case management
- Life skills development
- Parenting instruction
- Reproductive health information and referral
- Completion of High School or GED
- Assistance with preventive health care for the teens and their children (e.g. prenatal care, well-child exams, and immunizations)
- Individualized counseling
- Referral to social service agencies
- Transportation assistance

WHO IS SERVED?

Population(s)/Age Group:

Teenage parents who qualify for TANF and live in Cook County

Eligibility Criteria and Screening Tools:

TPS Eligibility Criteria:

- Teen parent or pregnant teen (single, married, married couples under the age of 20)
- Have not completed high school or GED certificate
- Applies for or receives TANF

HOW ARE SERVICES DELIVERED?

Local Service System

The local point of entry for Teen Parent Services is through a DHS Local Office or Family and Community Resource Center. At this time, TPS is only available in Cook County.

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Referrals into Program

- This program is mandatory for teens receiving TANF and voluntary for others
- Referrals from IDHS local offices
- Referrals from local health departments of teens who receive WIC and/or Family Case Management services
- Self-Referral

Data Systems Used

Information not available

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