

# DTA TEEN PARENTING PROGRAMS

Teen Parent Program (TPP) network is an innovative and creative response to federal and state welfare reform bringing together two state agencies, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA). The TPP Network provides structured residential living to meet the needs of pregnant and parenting teens and their children.

## TEEN PARENT PROGRAMS

DTA Teen Parent Network has programs located across Massachusetts that provides structured residential living to pregnant and parenting teens between the ages of 13-20.

DTA has Emergency Beds that are located throughout the State for teen parents that are in need of immediate placement.

The goal of TPP is to provide teen parents and their children a safe place to reside where they are able to gain the skills and knowledge necessary to become competent parents and lead productive, independent lives. The TPP staff ensures that teen parents are connected with resources in the community such as education, medical care, childcare, and counseling.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

DTA requires that teen parents under the age of 18 live with their parents, adult guardian, or an adult relative over the age of 20 to receive TAFDC. If a teen is not able to meet this requirement due to abuse, neglect, addiction, or other extraordinary circumstances they need to be referred for an assessment for placement in a TPP.

- All teens must be deemed eligible to receive TAFDC through their local DTA office
- Under the age of 20
- Has to be parenting or in her third trimester of pregnancy to be eligible for TAFDC.
- Open consumers with DCF can be placed in a DTA funded TPP
- The teen parent has to be eligible to receive TAFDC.

## REFERRAL PROCESS

If you have a teen parent that is in need of immediate placement or want to make a referral for a teen parent placement please contact Kelly Paquet @ 617-748-2228 [Kelly.Paquet@state.ma.us](mailto:Kelly.Paquet@state.ma.us)

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