

Teenage Parent Program

Goals

Give birth to a healthy baby.

Develop parenting skills.

Graduate from high school.

School District
of Indian River County
Teenage Parent Program

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Services provided by the



Teen Parent Program:

Skilled Social Work

Parenting Classes

Door-to-door
transportation for baby and teen
parent to/from home, childcare and
school

Information and referral to
community resources

An education advocate

Encouragement

Vocational/job counseling

ALL services are FREE

*Our goal is to keep you in school, so you will
have the independence,
education and skills to be a
productive citizen, and a GREAT parent!*

School District of Indian River County

TAPPP



Teenage Parent Program

*If you are pregnant teen or a
teen parent you CAN.....*

- Complete your education
 - Attend parenting classes
 - Receive Free Childcare
- AND
- Remain in your current school

History

The Teenage Parent Program is a state-mandated Dropout Prevention Program.

Chapter 1003.54 of the Florida State Statutes requires that each district school board maintain a teenage parent program.

Teenage parent programs are educational programs designed to provide a specialized curriculum to meet the needs of students who are pregnant or students who are mothers or fathers and the children of the students.

Indian River County has a long history of ensuring that every Teen Parent has the opportunity to complete their education. Additionally, ALL Teen Parent Programs services are free. Many Teen Parent Program participants have gone on to attend and complete post-high school (college) studies.



Teen Parent Services

Parent Education

Parenting classes are available online through Florida Virtual School and count as an elective .

Transportation

Special buses equipped with infant and child safety seats provide door-to-door transportation for teen parents to school as well as TAPP childcare facilities.

Childcare Services

The School District contracts with select childcare facilities to provide a safe and nurturing childcare environment for children of teen parents enrolled in the Teen Parent Program.

Counseling

Counseling focuses on school matters of attendance, classroom issues, academic performance and vocational interests. Counseling is also available to address relationships, family interaction, and health concerns.

Community Services

The Teen Parent Program works closely with various community agencies. Referrals to community resources include health care, transportation and family nurturing services available to pregnant teens and teen parents.

How to Enroll/Information Required

If you are a legal resident of Indian River County and are pregnant or are a parenting teen interested in the Teen Parent Program, you may speak to your Guidance Counselor, a trusted teacher, the School Nurse, or you may contact the Teen Parent Program office directly. Additionally, a referral may be made by the Health Department. All information is strictly confidential.

You must complete an application packet which may be obtained from the Teen Parent Resource Coordinator. A mandatory parent meeting with the Teen Parent Resource Coordinator must also be scheduled. Additionally you must provide the following documents:

If You are Pregnant

Proof of Pregnancy
Parental permission
Your student ID

If You have a Child

Parental Permission
Your student ID
Copy of the child's birth certificate
Copy of the child's social security card
Copy of the child's up-to-date immunization card

