



Massachusetts Teen Parent Services Southeast, MA and the Cape 2014

Young Parents HiSET Program (YPP) DTA*

- The only state funded education and workforce development program designed to support teen parents in completing their GED (now called HiSET). YPP enables these young people to set on a path towards careers with family sustaining wages.
- Teen parents receive education leading to passing the HiSET, or in some cases obtaining their high school diploma. Teens can also access job skills training, job placement assistance, parenting classes and case management.
- Expectant and parenting youth between the ages of 14 and 23 can enroll (and youth can remain in the program until age 24).
- Can include teen parents under 18 who would be eligible for TAFDC (welfare benefits) if it were not for “grandparent income deeming” where by the teen’s parents’ income can disqualify the teen from receiving benefits.

Local YPP program(s):

1. Community Care Services, Inc. 70 Main Street, Taunton, (508) 821-7776
2. Job Training and Employment Center, 88 North Street, Hyannis (508) 862-6133
3. New Bedford Public Schools, 181 Hillman Street, New Bedford, (508) 997-4511
4. SER – Jobs for Progress, Fall River (508) 676-1916 & Taunton (508) 880-7642
5. Training Resources of America, Inc., 486 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 - phone:508-984-7419

Teen Parent Child Care (TPCC) EEC*

- TPCC provides quality childcare, parent mentoring and support services, enabling hundreds of parenting teens to stay in school and attend work.
- Pregnant and parenting teens under 20 can enroll. Teens may stay in the program at age 20 if they are parenting or have special needs.

Local TPCC program(s):

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DTA: Department of Transitional Assistance

EEC: Department of Early Education and Care

DCF: Department of Children and Families

1. People, Inc., 4 South Main St, Fall River (508) 679-5233

Teen Parent Shelter Program (TPP), formerly called TLP: DTA/DCF*

- Programs provide homeless teen families with safe housing and services to promote progress toward independent living.
- Must be eligible for TAFDC (at any stage of pregnancy or parenting & low income).
- Pregnant and parenting females 13-19 years old can enroll and can stay until they are 20 with the possibility for approved extensions in stay.
- Teen dads may be eligible for non-shelter services.
- To apply, go to your local department of transitional assistance office, which you can look up here: <http://webapps.ehs.state.ma.us/DTAOffices/default.aspx>.

Local TPP program(s):

1. Community Care Services, 167 Maple Street, Attleboro, (508) 223-4136
2. Gentle Arms, 429 Winter Street, Fall River, (508) 646-2760

Young Parent Support Program (YPS) DCF*

- Community programs across Massachusetts provide intensive counseling and case management for young parents at the highest risk of abuse or neglect.
- YPS serves young parents 23 and younger with mental health, trauma, and homelessness histories. YPS enables young parents to meet their responsibilities as parents, students and employees.
- YPS fills the gap in the tapestry of young parent services, helping teens with intensive needs and who may not be eligible anywhere else.

Local YPS program(s):

1. Community Care Services, Inc., 167 Maple Street, Attleboro, (508) 223-4135 x338
2. Health Imperatives, 155 Katharine Lee Bates Road, Falmouth, (508) 540-2968
3. Child and Family Services, Inc., New Bedford (508) 676-5708 X 4123 & Fall River (508) 676-5708

Healthy Families EEC*

- Healthy Families provides home-visiting and parenting skills for first-time teen parents.
- Pregnant and parenting teens 20 or under can enroll. If parenting, the teen can only have one child under 1 year old in order to enroll.
- Youth enrolled can receive services until their child is 3.

Local Healthy Families program(s):

1. Health Imperatives, 210 Winter Street Suite 204/306 Weymouth, MA 02188
2. Health Imperatives, 942 West Chestnut 2nd Flr. Brockton, MA 02301
3. Health Imperatives, 155 Katharine Lee Bates Rd. Falmouth, MA 02540

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4. People Incorporated, 4 South Main Street Fall River, MA 02721
5. Criterion Child Enrichment, 375 Fortune Blvd. Milford, MA 01757
6. Kennedy Donovan Center, 32 Crescent Street Kingston, MA 02364
7. Kennedy Donovan Center, 389 County St. New Bedford, MA 02740
8. Worcester Community Action Council, 61 Pine Street Southbridge, MA 01550
9. Kennedy Donovan Center Attleboro, 25 Forest Street Attleboro, MA 02703

Massachusetts Pregnant and Parenting Teen Initiative (DPH)

- The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Adolescent Health (OAH) awarded \$24 million in competitive grants to 17 states and tribes for programs to support pregnant and parenting teens and women. Massachusetts DPH been given a three-year award.
- Operating in Chelsea, Holyoke, Lawrence, New Bedford, and Springfield.
- Each city has a multidisciplinary support team operating out of schools and community-based organizations. The goals are to provide pregnant and parenting teens with wrap-around services to promote graduation from high school or earning a GED, delay second pregnancy for at least 24 months, and ensure teen parents' children are on track for healthy development.

Local MPPTI Program(s) for New Bedford:

- I. Child and Family Services, 200 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA, (508) 990-0849

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