

Teen Parent Program

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Academics

Teen parents attend and earn credit toward a regular high school diploma. Students may earn a half elective credit in one or more of the following courses:

- Health for Expectant Parents
- Parenting I
- Parenting II

The curriculum includes instruction in such topics as prenatal health, labor and delivery, postnatal health, the benefits of sexual abstinence, and the consequences of repeat pregnancies. Parenting skills include instruction in the stages of child growth and development, methods for aiding in the intellectual, language, physical and social development of children, and guidance on constructive play activities.

Admission Procedures

To register for the Teen Parent Program or for more information, contact the guidance department at your school site or one of the following personnel:

Cathy Eckstein - Teen Parent Teacher (352) 726-2430 x 4367

Child Care

Students who participate in the program are entitled to free childcare, when the student is in attendance at school. An on-site childcare center is available at WTI.

Eligibility

A student who is currently working towards a high school diploma and can document her pregnancy is eligible for this program. This program is housed on the campus of Wiithlacoochee Technical Institute.

Also, currently enrolled parenting mothers and fathers are eligible when they document the birth of their child.

Vision

To enhance teenage parenting skills while providing academic courses of study that advances each student's progress toward earning a high school diploma.

Program Offers

The teen parent program is a voluntary program designed to provide a specialized parenting curriculum and coordination of additional services to meet the needs of students who are pregnant and students who are mothers or fathers.

- Academics
- Childcare
- Health Services
- Social Work Services
- Transportation

Social Work

The teen parent teacher provides social work services to students as needed. The teacher follows-up to assure that students are receiving services from various community agencies.

These agencies / services include:

- Healthy Start
- WIC
- Healthcare
- Pediatrics

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Daycare Coordination
- School Transportation

Teachers

Teen Parent Teacher: Cathy Eckstein

- Help students cope with being pregnant and becoming a parent.
- Encourage and support academic achievement and school attendance.
- Help coordinate social and health services for the family.
- Coordinate transportation and daycare for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.
- Deliver the parenting curriculum.

Transportation

Transportation to and from school is provided for teen parents and their babies, via public school buses with approved car seats.