

YOUTH PARENT PROGRAM  
**STUDENT/PARENT  
HANDBOOK**



An Educational and  
Support Services Program  
for  
Expectant and Parenting Students  
and their Children



*Youth Parent Program Student/Parent Handbook*

## THE YOUTH PARENT PROGRAM IS ...

The Clovis Unified School District Youth Parent Program is a continuous, school-based, community link program for pregnant and parenting teens and their children administered by the Clovis Unified School District.

Participation in the Youth Parent Program is voluntary and free of charge. Teens may participate without their children, but children may not participate without parents being enrolled in Youth Parent Program.

We have a childcare center available to all Youth Parent Program teen parents, located on the Gateway High School campus. If you would like to enroll your child, please contact your school nurse or the Gateway Youth Parent Program Childcare center.

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*The Clovis Unified School District Youth Parent Program operates on a non-discriminatory basis according equal treatment and access to services without regard to race, sex, mental or physical disabilities, color, religion, national origin, or ancestry.*

## STUDENT RIGHTS: TITLE IX

### 3. It is against the law to discriminate against married students and teen parents (Section 106.40)

Schools may not discriminate against married students, or against parents who are married or unmarried.

- Students cannot be expelled or denied admission to a school because they are married or because they are married/unmarried parents.
- Students enrolled in a school cannot be excluded from programs or activities because they are married or because they are married/unmarried parents.
- Schools may not make rules that affect teen mothers but not teen fathers; teen wives or mothers cannot be denied access to programs and activities that teen husbands/fathers are permitted to participate in.

### 4. Programs that are not part of the school but operate with the school must obey these laws (106.31 (d))

Pregnant and parenting students may not be excluded from activities that are part of the school's educational program, even if they are not operated entirely by the school (examples: student exchange programs, work/study, work experience, field trips).

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE YOUTH PARENT PROGRAM

- ◆ Expectant and/or parenting students enrolled in Clovis Unified School District
- ◆ Male or female, age 18 or younger (remaining eligible until age 19, plus one semester)
- ◆ Student with an active IEP until age 22
- ◆ Child of Youth Parent Program student, age birth to 5 years

## GOALS

To assist ALL expectant and parenting students to earn their high school diploma and strive to eliminate the repeated pregnancy rate, while promoting self-sufficiently.



## WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO YOUTH PARENT PROGRAM TEENS?

1. Resources to assist teens, and their families and the community about Title IX requirements, the realities of teen pregnancy and parenthood, and the importance of remaining in school.
2. Case management services.
3. Prenatal and parenting education i.e., pregnancy and childbirth preparation, child development, parenting skills, comprehensive health (including reproductive health), nutrition, substance abuse prevention, and life skills.
4. Career education i.e., basic skills for employability, job training classes, services for transition to post-secondary education, training, or employment.
5. Academic support and youth development services i.e., tutoring, mentoring, and community service internships.

## STUDENT RIGHTS: TITLE IX

### 2. **It is against the law to discriminate against pregnant students (Section 106.40)**

Schools may not discriminate against pregnant students based on marital status, pregnancy or false pregnancy, childbirth, miscarriage, or recovery from any of these conditions.

- Schools must treat pregnancy as they treat other temporary medical conditions. Student health plans, benefits and related services must be provided to pregnant students in the same manner as they are provided to other, non-pregnant students with “temporary disabilities.”
- Pregnant students can not be required to provide a doctor’s certificate to the school unless all students under the care of a physician or counselor are required to provide doctor’s certificates.
- A pregnant student may be granted a leave of absence if it is medically necessary. When the leave is completed, she must be allowed to return to school at the status she held before the leave began.
- Enrollment in special programs or schools for pregnant or parenting students must be voluntary on part of the student. Educational opportunities available to students in special programs or schools must be comparable to those provided for other non-pregnant or parenting students in the district.
- Students who are breastfeeding their infants must be provided a private, secure room to breastfeed or express milk. An electrical outlet must be available. Students may not be penalized for taking reasonable breaks and be allowed to make up class work, if needed.

## STUDENT RIGHTS: TITLE IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is federal civil rights legislation which guarantees equal educational opportunities for female students. Title IX also applies to pregnant students and school age parents. Title IX applies to preschool, elementary and secondary schools, colleges, vocational and professional schools. Title IX regulations apply to all public and private schools that receive state and federal funding.

### 1. It is against the law to discriminate based on sex (Section 106.31-36)

Schools may not treat students differently based on gender (sex discrimination).

- Schools may not provide assistance or services to students of one gender but not the other. Schools may not impose different rules of conduct or disciplinary measures on males and females.
- Activity fees, tuition, requirements for residency and attendance must be the same for males and females.
- Students can not be required to take a course or participate in a special program on the basis of gender (Note: classes on human sexuality may be conducted separately for males and females).
- Counseling programs and materials may not treat students differently on the basis of gender.

6. School safety and violence prevention education targeted to expectant and parenting teens and their children.

7. Meal supplements for pregnant and breastfeeding students.

8. School to home transportation, if necessary.

9. Peer support groups, academic and personal counseling.

10. Enrichment and recreational activities, as appropriate.

11. Counseling services and/or referrals for issues related to any of the following, careers and employment opportunities, individual and family counseling, substance abuse prevention and treatment, child abuse & domestic abuse prevention and treatment, mental health assessment and intervention, crisis intervention and suicide prevention.



## WHAT CHILDCARE & CHLD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN OF YOUTH PARENT PROGRAM TEEN PARENTS?

1. Staff certified with appropriate permits and CPR training and experience.
2. Childcare centers provide free and developmentally appropriate care to young children of YPP students.
3. The YPP nurse monitors health records of young children and overall health of teen parent and child.
4. Enhanced school readiness and socialization of the young child.
5. Meals meeting age-appropriate nutritional standards is served.
6. Parent education and opportunities for family and community involvement.

7. Identification of child and family needs and referrals to appropriate community agencies for health care and other needs.



We are pleased to have you and your child in our program and look forward to working with you.