



## Teen Parent Connection

*Providing the support, guidance and assistance teen mothers and fathers need to succeed as adults and parents*

**Who we are:** Teen Parent Connection (TPC) is a system of care designed to incorporate a broad array of services and supports that are organized into a coordinated network. This network focuses on the whole needs of the child and family coordinating prevention, intervention and treatment services.

**Who we serve:** Teen parents, (both mothers and fathers) aged 14 – 19 in foster care throughout the state of Georgia.

**What services we provide:** The cornerstone of our services is our Life Coaching Services. Life Coaches directly provide or ensure referrals to provide: screenings and assessments; peer support and advocacy; job skills training; career placement; foster parent and teen parent training; parenting skills including child development, nutrition, empathy and nurturing parenting skills; financial literacy; educational support; medical and healthcare support; childcare assistance; legal consultation and support; transportation assistance; housing referrals; additional resources targeted to the individual needs of the teen parent and her/his child.

**Our partners:** Georgia Department of Family and Children Services-Independent Living Program; Multi - Agency Alliance for Children (MAAC); Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (G-CAPP); Ringer Center of Excellence--Youth on the M.O.V.E.; Georgia EmpowerMENT; Georgia Office of Family Representation (GOFR); Rebekah Hudgins, Evaluator; House of Dawn, Inc. (HOD); Creative Community Services (CCS); The Development Team.

**Other support:** TPC has a Governance Board and subcommittees made up of our partner agencies listed above, representatives from government, non-profit and community entities including CHRIS Kids, Families First and Twin Cedars Youth Services, Inc., EMBRACE, Gwinnett Children's Shelter, foster parents, teen parents and more. We have an Implementation Team that provides clinical oversight for our clients, makes recommendations for services and links program participants to needed resources. The *Governor's Office for Children and Families* provides funding, technical assistance, ongoing training and linkages to resources.

**Referrals:** Participants for our program are referred by: Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS); Private Provider Agencies; Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ); CASA, relatives; foster parents; teen parents themselves.

**How we work:** TPC does not replace current case managers but rather partners with them to bring those unique programs and services necessary to help teen parents succeed as parents and adults . We add an additional layer of support for caseworkers, foster parents and agencies working with parenting teens in foster care. We work with caseworkers and support personnel to develop individual, personalized plans designed to assist teen parents to succeed as adults and parents as they age out of foster care. Our Life Coaches have specialized training tailored to provide services and support to teen parents and their children. Services are provided at no charge.

**How to reach us:** To make a referral, arrange for a presentation about our program or if you are an agency or volunteer wishing to partner with us to help us add needed resources and services for our teen parents and their children, please contact:

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*Together we can help teen parents succeed as adults and raise healthy, safe and educated children*



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