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2005 Report
County Service Coordination Plan Annual Review
California School Age Families Education
(Cal-SAFE)

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1. Review Process

The Orange County Superintendent of Schools (Superintendent), on behalf of the Orange County Child Care and Development Planning Council (Council), solicited input from teen parent advocates and service providers to assist in the Cal-SAFE Plan Annual Review. A meeting was convened on September 20, 2005 for school district and community representatives to review the Plan. (See Attachment 3 for invitees.) E-mail feedback was accepted for interested parties who could not attend the meeting.

The meeting engaged 20 participants in group discussion of Plan items #4 - #8; which included educational alternatives, child care and development services for children of teen parents, service gaps and overlaps, and solutions to providing adequate support services for teen parents. Participants compared past reviews and offered new ideas for the current review. Recommendations were recorded and shared with the entire group.

Presentations were given at the meeting to provide updated local resources for teen parents.

- 2-1-1 Resource Line – Jeanne Awrey, Orange County Department of Education
- Children’s Home Society of California – Francis Fang, Resource & Referral Staff
- Family Resource Centers – Jyothi Atluri, FRC’s
- Safe From The Start – Kelly Hogrefe, Orange County Department of Education

2. Updates/Modified Components of the Original Plan

Attachment 1: **Number of Births to Teenage Orange County Residents by City 2003 & 2004 (Ages 10 -18 Years)**

Attachment 2: **Number of Low Birth Weight Births Among Teenage Orange County Residents by City 2003 & 2004 (Ages 10 - 18 Years; <2,500 g)**

2. Updates/Modified Components of the Original Plan (continued)

The following information was discussed as relevant to updating the Plan.

QUESTION 4: Educational Alternatives for Pregnant and Parenting Teens

The following are additional barriers and limiting factors of concern.

- **Lack of finances; often unaware of career opportunities at community colleges or CCROP**
- **Parent education/child development classes needed at comprehensive high school for all students.**
- Lack of research and information on the causes for teenage parents dropping out of school
- Lack of transportation for teen parents and their children (i.e. bus passes, no license, vehicles) to get to educational alternatives or comprehensive school
- Lack of emotional support for teen parents who must deal with the stigma of being a young parent, leading them to drop out of school
- Choice to stay in comprehensive school is not emphasized
- Comprehensive school can be rigid and archaic in structure for teen parents, not making accommodations for child care needs or privacy for lactation. **Comprehensive school needs to not penalize pregnant teens for going to the doctor or social services – missed time often puts the teen behind academically, need tutoring services.**
- Lack of programs focusing on early identification of teenagers or children at risk of becoming teen parents and no outreach for early intervention
- Lack of programs providing educational support to parents of pregnant and parenting teenagers

QUESTION 5: Child Care and Development Resources for the Child(ren) of Teen Parents

- **Family Net program – Anaheim and Fullerton**
- **Cal Optima – list of physicians receptive to working with teen parents**
- **School readiness nurses in every school district who work with families and children birth to 5 years – find listing on web at www.occhildrenandfamilies.org, “grantees”**
- **CHOC (Children’s Hospital of Orange County) and BGCGG (Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove) have medical and dental services. A shuttle is available from Santa Ana to Garden Grove clinic**
- **AIM program - home visitations**
- **Concurrent enrollment in high school and community college available, health fee covers health issues (see doctor or nurse), child care is often available**
- County sponsored low-cost or no cost health clinics and mental health resources
- Qualified licensed and or available child care programs
- Nurse-Family Partnership – a program following young mother and child throughout the first three years of child’s life

2. Updates/Modified Components of the Original Plan (continued)

QUESTION 6: Public and Private Resources Providing Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens

- **Children’s Home Society of California – child care referrals and eligibility list for subsidized child care**
- **Community Colleges**
- **Adolescent Family Life Program**
- **Cal Learn**
- **Maternal Child Adolescent Health**
- Teen parenting programs for fathers – call Adolescent and Family Life Program at Orange County Healthcare Agency
- Orange County Child Protective Services
- Teen Voices, Teen Choices
- Welcome Baby
- School Readiness Nurses
- “Baby, Think it Over” Program
- Family Support Network
- MOMS- breastfeeding support
- Bridges
- WIC
- EDAC
- YMCA
- UCI/CHOC CUIDAR – provides parent education for children who might have ADHD
- Mentors

QUESTION 7: Gaps and Overlaps in Education and Support Services

Overlap

- **Adolescent Family Life Program and Cal WORKs/Cal LEARN need more coordination**
- Adolescent Family Life Program and Cal WORKs/Cal LEARN have the same social workers
- Teenage parents bound for college can use work experience as college credit in some cases

Gaps

- Services and resources for undocumented students
- Resources provided for teen parents or their children who may have English Language Difficulties (ELD) or special needs
- Knowledge on how to access low-cost or no cost mental health services or how to raise awareness of mental health services for teen parents
- Services for a teenage parent’s transition to college
- Cal-SAFE funding available to new agencies and lack of increased funding for continuing programs
- Resources for teen fathers to encourage them to participate in their child(ren)’s upbringing
- Openness for prevention programs for children at risk of becoming parents
- Knowledge of child care and development services that might be able to serve the teen parent population

2. Updates/Modified Components of the Original Plan (continued)

QUESTION 8: Proposed Strategies to Address Gaps and Overlaps in Educational and Support Services

- **March of Dimes along with Teen Parent Collaborative has developed a resource directory**
- Formalize a collaboration between Cal LEARN social workers and social workers for Adolescent Family Life Program so that there is more opportunity to maximize resources for teenage parents
- Ensure that the activities teenage parents already have to participate in such as work, are looked at as resources to further their education, not hinder it
- Farm for scholarships for teenage parents who wish to continue education
- Emphasize the need to continue onto higher education
- Encourage teenage parent involvement in certificate programs where they can learn a specific trade and further their careers while going to classes suited to their schedules.
- Encourage teen parents to enroll in inexpensive and accessible ROP programs

3. Attached Documentation of Agencies and/or Programs Participating in the Review

Attachment 3: Emailing/Mailing List of Invitees

Attachment 4: Letter of Invitation to September 20, 2005 Meeting

Attachment 5: Attendee Sign-in Sheet from September 20, 2005 Meeting

Attachment 6: Attendee Feedback Forms

4. Contact Information

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