



The Young Parents Program Staff Will:

- ◆ Listen and be there in difficult times
- ◆ Be your advocate if problems arise
- ◆ Work with you as you explore your life choices



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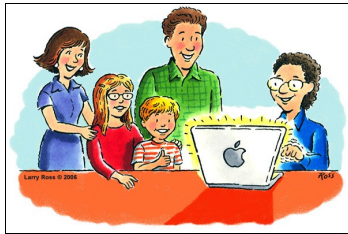
The Young Parents Program challenges expectant and parenting teens to be all they choose to be.

What is the Young Parents Program?

It is a program that provides counseling and connections to resources for teens who are pregnant or who are parents. The goal is to promote health for teens and their children and to encourage healthy parent-child relationships.

What are the links to services that we can provide?

- ◆ Health Care
- ◆ Prenatal Care
- ◆ Family Planning
- ◆ Parenting Classes
- ◆ Child Care
- ◆ Continuing Education
- ◆ Nutritional Counseling
- ◆ Financial Assistance
- ◆ Legal Services
- ◆ Temporary Housing
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Adoption Services



Who is eligible for the program?

Pregnant or parenting mothers are eligible for the program if they are under age 19 and are not Cal-Learn participants.

Teen fathers under age 19 may also participate in the program, but they must maintain involvement with the child.



What are the costs involved?

There is no charge for being in the program. All services offered are free to participants.



How do you get into the program?

A friend, relative, health care, or social service provider can contact the Merced County Department of Public Health to begin the process of enrolling a teen in the program. You can also refer yourself.

- ◆ Call the Public Health Department at (209) 381-1141 or 1-800-649-6849 Toll-free, to make a referral or request a referral form.
- ◆ Fax the referral form to (209) 724-4011
- ◆ Send the referral form to 260 East 15th Street, Merced, CA 95341.
- ◆ Visit our web site at www.co.merced.ca.us
- ◆ Come into the office. We are open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

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