



Teen Parent Connection

An initiative that provides the support, guidance and assistance needed by teen mothers and fathers to help them succeed as adults and parents

Who we are: Teen Parent Connection (TPC), a system of care incorporates a broad array of services and supports organized into a coordinated network. The network focuses on the whole needs of the teen parent-led family and coordinates prevention, intervention and treatment services with individualized services for each teen and/or baby. We are the largest initiative in Georgia serving teen parents in care thanks to partnerships with public and private agencies, providers, the courts and more.

Who we serve: Pregnant or parenting teens, (Moms and Dads) aged 13 – 19 in state custody and their child (ren) or teen parents with a child in state custody. Currently services are available in the greater Metro Atlanta area and Macon

What services we provide: The cornerstone of our services is our Life Coaching. Our highly trained Life Coaches directly provide or ensure referrals to provide: screenings and assessments for parents and babies; evidence-based parenting training that incorporates parenting skills, understanding of child development with age appropriate supportive activities, nutrition, empathy, bonding and attachment and nurturing skills; life skills instruction - household management, identifying/accessing community resources and healthy relationships; mentoring, peer support and advocacy; job preparation - resume development and job search support; financial literacy - budgeting, opening/maintaining bank accounts and stretching supplemental income; educational support; medical and healthcare support including reproductive health and subsequent pregnancy prevention; locating quality childcare; legal consultation and support - preparation for hearings and linkages to legal expertise; housing referrals; foster parent/provider training; additional resources targeted to the individual needs of the teen parent and her/his child. TPC coordinates efforts with all members of the teen parent's team to provide customized services for the parent and her/his child. Teens receive one-on-one support from Life Coaches via home visits as well as through engagement in our popular group classes and activities.

Our partners: Creative Community Services (CCS); Ringer Center of Excellence--Youth on the M.O.V.E.; Georgia EmpowerMent; Georgia Office of Family Representation (GOFR); AnthroEval Consulting, LLC; Georgia Department of Family and Children Services-Independent Living Program; Twin Cedars Youth Services; CASA; DJJ; group home providers; foster parents; additional agencies with services tailored to the individual needs of our parents. We ensure youth engagement via board and committee membership, consistent input and feedback from the teen parents we serve and a Mom's Leadership Team with support from EmpowerMent. We are active members of the Georgia Youth Opportunities Initiative (GYOI) that is working to help foster youth make successful transitions to adulthood and in the case of the teens we serve, to parenthood as well.

Referrals: Participants for our program are referred by: Department of Family and Children Services; Private Provider Agencies; Department of Juvenile Justice; CASA, attorneys, relatives; foster parents; case managers; probation officers or specialists; and teen parents themselves. Referrals can be made by phone, email or in-person. See below for contact information.

How we work: TPC partners with and communicates with the teen's support team to bring together 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, providers, probation officers, attorneys and agencies working with parenting teens in care. We work with the teen support team to develop individual, personalized goals and plans designed to assist teen parents in a successful transition to independence as a young parent. Our credentialed Life Coaches are trained to provide services and support specifically needed by teen parents and their children. We utilize evidence based/informed training including Nurturing Parenting, Better Brains for Babies, Strengthening Families and more. GYOI engagement enables us to expand our resources and add the voice of the teen parent to GYOI initiatives.

How to reach us: To make a referral, arrange for a presentation about our program or wish to partner with us to help 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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