

**St. Cloud ALC TAPP Program  
(Teenage Parent Program)**

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**Mission Statement:**

The Teenage Parent Program is multi-disciplinary in nature, aimed at meeting the education, health, and social welfare needs of pregnant teenagers and young parents who are of school age.

**Description of Academic Program:**

When each student enrolls, they will be scheduled to continue their present educational program or take additional classes to accelerate their high school education if necessary. All academic class work is scheduled with senior high teachers for those students who are 16 and older. Students 16 years of age may be scheduled with the Middle Level Alternative teachers.

**Description of Personal Support Services:**

Parenting classes and group sessions are part of the student's regular schedule. During these classes and group sessions a wide variety of topics are covered: realities of Teenage Parent Program (TAPP) pregnancy; decisions regarding plans for the baby; anxieties regarding child birth; social, family and peer relationships; self care - health, nutrition, sexuality; baby care; adjustment to family and community life after pregnancy; legal support and career opportunities/financial assistance available for young parents.

**Description of Cooperation with Other Agencies:**

An intake interview with the County Social Services Department, Caritas Family Service, or Lutheran Social Services may be scheduled for each student. Services may include personal and family counseling, marriage counseling, adoption arrangements, financial assistance, and supportive case work for the female student, the baby's father, and the student's parents.

The Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program of the St. Cloud Area School District and the Teenage Parent Program are in partnership and coordinate many group sessions at the Area Learning Center. Services are also coordinated with numerous other agencies and organizations which include: Catholic Charities (SAIL & SPARK), Child Care Choices, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Family Planning, Le Leche League, New Beginnings, Sexual Assault Center, St. Cloud Legal Assistance, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud Technical College, Stearns and Benton Counties Child Support, Stearns County Extension, Stearns County Human Services, Stearns County Public Health, Teen Moms, Woman House (Anna Marie's) and the Young Parents Program.

**Other:**

Transportation to and from school is available on a daily basis for parents and their child/children. On-campus day care services are provided during school hours for students enrolled in an ALC Program.