

Teenage Parent Program

The **Teenage Parent Program** (TPP) is a voluntary program offered by Palm Beach County Schools to provide education, child care and access to health and social services for pregnant and parenting teens. Students who are pregnant, as well as teen mothers and fathers, are supported in becoming responsible parents and completing requirements for graduation. While in the program, students receive support services such as child care, health care, social services, parenting education and transportation.

Participants in TPP must take at least one parenting skills course while continuing to earn credits toward a standard or special diploma. Palm Beach Virtual High School also offers the Parenting Skills course. Students who have completed the parenting course continue to receive support services while enrolled in their high school diploma program.



In School Year 2017-2018, The Teenage Parent Program served a total of 274 students, 10 middle school and 264 high school age. Child care services were provided for 144 children of TPP participants. The School District of Palm Beach County and the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County work together to assist students who need child care through the School District Teenage Parent Program and after graduation through local funding.

The Teenage Parent Program works directly with Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies to assist pregnant and parenting students in accessing a variety of programs through Healthy Beginnings to support a healthy pregnancy and healthy birth.

Of the **163** individual student assessments for services/support completed by the Teenage Parent Program Case Manager:

- **46%** of the students were participating in Healthy Beginnings Programs.
- **67%** of the students received information/referral to Teen Parent Mentoring Programs.
- **78%** of the students received information/referral to TRIO College Readiness Programs.