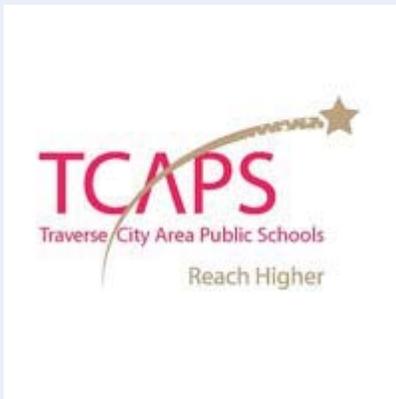


## **Traverse City Area Public Schools Teen Parent Training**

*Teen Parent Training* provides for a full-time Parenting Education Coordinator to work with young families and coordinate a full range of services including Parents as Teachers personal visits, playgroups, parent group meetings, WIC services, childbirth education, breast feeding support, parenting education, infant mental health, and parent mentoring. Additionally, there have been expanded services for pregnant and parenting teens to the parent education component currently provided at Traverse City High School Teen Parent Program. Parenting education, including education for Early Literacy, and Teen Parent Mentoring will be integrated into the existing services at Traverse City High School.



*The following story appeared in the CTF Grantee Success Booklet that was printed in May 2010.*

I met mom when her son was just an infant. She was visiting the local elementary school. I was the Way to Grow School Readiness Coordinator and after introductions, mom signed up for home visits.

It became clear after my first home visit that this mom was in much need of support. She explained to me that both she and her husband worked full-time, opposite shifts. When dad came home from work, mom put their little boy in a car seat in front of the TV while mom caught up on her sleep.

Mom never missed a home visit with me. She participated in many groups and seemed to enjoy all the information I offered. Soon their baby girl was born and she too became part of the Way to Grow program.

I periodically completed Ages and Stages questionnaires and it was apparent that their son had a language delay. I worked with the mother through assessments and eventual enrollment for her son in an Early Childhood Program in our area. Mother and son became very involved in school and loved his ECP classroom. I continually visited mom and her daughter while big brother was at school.

After separating from her husband, mom decided to return to college. One of the most memorable times of sharing was when mom had me read one of her research papers. I believe this is a true success story and she has agreed for me to share her paper with you.

Both children are doing well in school; the boy is in kindergarten now and the little girl attends Head Start.

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