

TEEN PARENT PROGRAM

**OUTCOME REPORT
(October 2007 Cohort)**

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TEEN PARENT PROGRAM (TPP) October 2007 Cohort¹

Executive Summary

The Michigan Department of Human Services' on-going monitoring of its Teen Parent Program (TPP) began October 1, 1994. The most recent contract period began October 1, 2005 and witnessed the inclusion of two new counties and twelve new service providers. As such, the program currently operates via contract with twenty-three sites (23) in twenty (20) counties. The specific counties served by the program are Berrien, Calhoun, Chippewa, Clare, Genesee, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Macomb, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Ogemaw, Ottawa, Saginaw, Van Buren, and Wayne, which is home to four sites.

This document presents information related to the Teen Parent Program for the October 2007 reporting cohort. The population under study includes cases still active as of the April 2007 semi-annual reporting period, as well as those new cases entering the program during the months of March 2007 – August 2007. All totaled, 1,276 data collection forms were analyzed.

Section I: Contractual Criteria

In terms of the contractual criteria, the Oct07 cohort achieved the following results:

- **CRITERION #1:** Eighty-five percent (85%) of the teen parents who have not completed high school will attend school, full-time, or GED classes within four months of entry to the Teen Parent Program.

69.4% of the Oct07 cohort who had not completed high school was enrolled in educational activities within four months of program entry. An additional 8.9% became involved in educational activities beyond the fourth month.

- **CRITERION #2:** Seventy-five percent (75%) of the teen parents will be involved in education or training programs, or will be employed, within four (4) months of program entry.

73.1% of the Oct07 cohort was involved in educational, training or employment activities within four months of program entry. An additional 9.1% became involved in such activities beyond the fourth month.

¹ Data Source: Teen Parent Program Semi-Annual Monitoring Reports for October 2007.

- **CRITERION #3:** Eighty-five percent (85%) of the participating teen parents who are not pregnant at the time of program entry will not become pregnant within twelve (12) months of program entry.

89.0% of the Oct07 cohort, who were not pregnant at program entry, did not become pregnant within twelve months of program entry.

- **CRITERION #4:** Ninety percent (90%) of the teen mothers who are pregnant at the time of program entry will participate in prenatal care.

99.2% of the teen mothers who were pregnant at the time of program entry participated in prenatal care.

- **CRITERION #5:** Seventy-five percent (75%) of the teen parents who are pregnant at the time of program entry will deliver full-term infants.

92.9% of the teen parents who were pregnant at the time of program entry delivered full-term infants.

- **CRITERION #6:** Ninety percent (90%) of the teen parent's children/infants² will be referred and/or receive comprehensive medical examinations and/or immunizations within two (2) months of entry into the Teen Parent Program.

69.3% of the teens' children/infants were either referred for or started receiving immunizations within two months of program entry, with an additional 23.9% having been referred for or started receiving said service beyond the second month. Overall, regardless of time frame, 93.3% of the teens' children/infants were referred for or started receiving immunizations.

67.9% of the teens' children/infants were either referred for or started receiving comprehensive medical examinations within two months of program entry, with an additional 23.6% having been referred for or started receiving said service beyond the second month. Overall, regardless of time frame, 91.6% of the teens' children/infants were referred for or started receiving comprehensive medical examinations.

- **CRITERION #7:** Eighty-five percent (85%) of the teen parents and/or their children ages 0-3 years will be referred and/or receive child development and parenting education within three months of program entry.

² CRITERION #6: Data collection regarding immunizations and comprehensive medical examination participation focused on the youngest child in the family.

85.2% of the teen parents and/or their children were either referred for or started receiving child development education within three months of program entry, with an additional 6.0% having been referred for or started receipt of said service beyond the third month. Overall, regardless of time frame, 91.3% of the teens and/or their children were referred for or started receiving child development education.

94.2% of the teen parents and/or their children were either referred for or started receiving parenting education within three months of program entry, with an additional 2.7% having been referred for or started receipt of said service beyond the third month. Overall, regardless of time frame, 96.9% of the teens and/or their children were referred for or started receiving parenting education.

- **CRITERION #8:** Ninety percent (90%) of the teen parents will not have a “preponderance of evidence” child abuse or neglect finding for one (1) year from date of entry into the program.

92.2% of the teen parents did not have a “preponderance of evidence” child abuse or neglect finding for one year from date of entry into the program.

- **CRITERION #9:** Seventy-five percent (75%) of participants will self-report satisfaction with services provided by the program.

Q3 FY07 (Apr07-Jun07)

98.8% of survey respondents indicated that they were either “very satisfied” (85.9%) or “somewhat satisfied” (12.9%) with the services received through the program³.

Q4 FY07 (Jul07-Sep07)

99.2% of survey respondents indicated that they were either “very satisfied” (87.6%) or “somewhat satisfied” (11.6%) with the services received through the program⁴.

³ As reported by respondents to the Teen Parent Program Participant Satisfaction Survey that was administered by TPP sites during the third quarter of FY07 (i.e., April, May and June 2007).

⁴ As reported by respondents to the Teen Parent Program Participant Satisfaction Survey that was administered by TPP sites during the fourth quarter of FY07 (i.e., July, August and September 2007).

- **CRITERION #10:** Eighty-five percent (85%) of participants will be involved in school and/or work full-time six months after completion/termination of the program⁵.

Overall, 68.9% of former participants, who were able to be located and contacted for data collection purposes, were involved in educational, skills training, and/or employment activities six months after completion/termination of the program.

- **CRITERION #11:** Ninety percent (90%) of the teen parents will not have a “preponderance of evidence” finding of child abuse or neglect six months following completion of services.

97.4% of the former participants did not have a “preponderance of evidence” finding of child abuse or neglect six months following completion of services.

Section II: Educational & Employment Pursuits in Further Detail

Closer examination of the educational and employment status of program participants revealed the following:

1. 34.6% of the participants, upon entering the program, were identified as school dropouts.
 - By the semi-annual reporting date, 26.7% of these “dropouts” were re-enrolled in school, with 69.8% of these experiencing continuous enrollments (i.e., no excessive breaks or absences).
 - Of those not re-enrolled in school at the report date (having been identified as “dropouts” at intake), 8.5% had actually re-enrolled in school and earned a high school diploma or GED certificate sometime during the six-month period prior to the report date. In addition, 21.1% of those not re-enrolled cited barriers to school enrollment that were beyond their control⁶.
2. 44.0% of the participants were enrolled in school at the time they entered the program.
 - By the semi-annual reporting date, 61.5% of these participants were still enrolled in school, with 89.8% of these experiencing continuous enrollments.

⁵ Data source: *Teen Parent Program Monitoring – Follow-up Form for Closed Cases*. This form is completed by the TPP agency six months after a case has closed to the program. Agency representatives have the entire reporting month to try to locate the former participant and complete the form.

⁶ A number of barriers to education were identified, falling under the broad categories of transportation, child care, housing issues, medical issues, and lack of familial support.

