



## Teen Parent Connection

*Providing the support, guidance and assistance teen mothers and fathers need to succeed as adults and parents*

**Who we are:** A system of care designed to incorporate a broad array of services and supports that are organized into a coordinated network. This network focuses on the whole needs of the child and family coordinating prevention, intervention and treatment services.

**Who we serve:** Teen parents aged 14 – 19 in foster care throughout the state of Georgia.

**What services we provide:** The cornerstone of our services is our Life Coach Services. Life Coaches will directly provide or ensure referrals to provide: screenings & assessments; peer support & advocacy; job skills training; career placement; foster parent/teen parent trainings; parenting skills including child development; financial literacy; educational support; medical/ healthcare support; childcare assistance; legal assistance; transportation assistance; housing referrals; additional resources targeted to the individual needs of the teen parent.

**Our partners:** DFCS-Independent Living Program; Multi Agency Alliance for Children (MAAC); Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (G-CAPP); Youth on the Move; Youth EmpowerMENT; Atlanta Volunteer Lawyer's Association; House of Dawn, Inc.; Creative Community Services.

**Other support:** TPC has a Governance Board and subcommittees made up of partner agencies; representatives from government, non-profit and community entities, foster parents and teen parents. We have an implementation team that reviews our cases, makes recommendations for services and links program participants to needed resources. The *Governor's Office for Children and Families* provides funding, technical assistance, ongoing training and linkages to resources.

**Referrals:** Participants for our program may be referred by DFACS; Private Agencies; DJJ; foster parents or the teen parent may refer themselves.

**How we work:** TPC does not replace current case workers but rather partners with them to bring unique programs and services tailored to teen parent participants. We add an additional layer of support to caseworkers, foster parents and agencies working with parenting teens in care. We work with caseworkers and support personnel to develop personalized plans designed to assist teen parents to succeed as adults and parents as they age out of care.

**How to reach us:** To make a referral, arrange for a presentation about our program or if you are an agency or volunteer wishing to partner with us to help us add needed resources please contact:

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*Together we can help teen parents succeed and raise healthy, safe and educated children*