From the Hotline

Q. My TAFDC recipient has one child. She has been receiving cash assistance for over two months but has not provided us with the name of her daughter's school, despite the fact that we have sent her a written request for the information. As a result, I am unable to determine whether her 12-year-old daughter is meeting the Learnfare requirement. Can I close this TAFDC AU?

A. No. This daughter is subject to the Learnfare requirement, but you should not close either the grantee or the entire AU. If your recipient does not provide the proper information on the school her daughter is attending, remove only the daughter from the AU. If the recipient verifies the school her child is attending within 30 days of the closing date, the daughter should be reinstated in the AU.

Refer to 106 CMR 203.900 for more information on the Learnfare requirement.

- Q. I have a teen parent under the age of 18 who is living with her baby as well as her 10-year-old brother and their mother. The teen parent, her mother and her brother receive TAFDC as members of the mother's AU. The teen has asked us not to add her baby to the AU because the baby's father is regularly paying child support for his child. Does the teen parent have this option?
- **A.** Yes. For TAFDC purposes, the teen parent's child is not required to be in this AU. Refer to 106 CMR 204.305 for more details on the composition of the TAFDC assistance unit.
- **Q.** The teen parent described in the question above is also receiving food stamp benefits. Is the teen parent's child required to be a member of the food stamp AU?
- A. Yes. The teen parent's child is required to be a member of the food stamp AU. Details on the composition of the food stamp assistance unit are located at 106 CMR 361.200.

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