

From the Hotline

- Q. A TAFDC assistance unit consists of a grantee/mother, her 16-year-old daughter who is a teen parent, and the teen parent's baby. DOR states the teen parent did not furnish accurate information on the baby's father/absent parent. Who is sanctioned, the grantee/mother or the teen parent?
- A. The teen parent is sanctioned. See 106 CMR 203.700(D) and 203.700(E).
- Q. A recipient is home schooling her children. She has a schooling plan which has been approved by her local school board. Does this meet her TAFDC Work Program requirements? Does it meet the Learnfare requirements?
- A. As long as the recipient is meeting the requirements of the approved schooling plan, home schooling meets the Community Service requirement of the Work Program. Children meeting the requirements of an approved home schooling plan meet the Learnfare requirements.
- Q. Is a TAFDC teen parent over the age of 18 with a child over age two living in a TLP exempt or nonexempt?
- A. The teen parent is exempt. See 106 CMR 203.100(A)(1)(f).
- Q. When would an exception to the Family Cap date apply?
- A. A child born after the Family Cap date may be included in the TAFDC assistance unit if: (1) the child is born at least 20 months after the date the grantee's case closed, and (2) the grantee remained ineligible for at least 12 consecutive months from the closing date, and (3) the grantee received TAFDC for no more than 10 consecutive months immediately preceding the child's birth. Also, a child born as a result of rape, sexual assault or incest is not subject to the Family Cap provisions. See 106 CMR 203.300(C)(2). An example is given in *The TAFDC Procedural Guide*, Chapter 6, page 16.
- Q. Is a child born after the Family Cap date and not included in the TAFDC assistance unit eligible for the crib and layette or the clothing allowance?
- A. No. A child born after the Family Cap date and not included in the assistance unit is ineligible for a crib and layette or the clothing allowance. See 106 CMR 705.600.

From the Forms File

New Form

The following form is now available in Spanish.

02-753-1100-05

24-EX-AR (S)(11/2000)

Additional Extension Request

Revised Brochure

02-740-1100-05

02-741-1100-05 (S)

TAFDC-EXTB (Rev. 11/2000)

TAFDC Extensions Beyond the 24-Month Period

This brochure has been revised to reflect policy and procedural changes due to the Smith lawsuit, specifically: 1) there is no longer a special financial test of eligibility before processing extension requests; and 2) the 35-hour per week participation rule is no longer an eligibility requirement.

