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Field Operations Memo 2003-6 C
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To: Transitional Assistance Office Staff
From: *cd* Cescia Derderian, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations
Re: Reinstatement of the Young Parent Program (YPP) Component

Background

Field Operations Memo 2003-6 and Field Operations Memo 2003-6 A gave information about the impact of elimination of funding for the Employment Services Program. Field Operations Memo 2003-6 B gave information about the Massachusetts One Stop Career Center.

This Field Operations Memo informs TAO Staff about the reinstatement of the Young Parent Program (YPP) component.

YPP

YPP is an ESP educational component that meets Basic and Secondary Education requirements for teen parents.

Effective immediately, the Department has reinstated the YPP component of ESP.

As a result of this reinstatement, those recipients who were enrolled in the YPP component *prior* to the elimination of funding for ESP must continue to meet the requirements of the component. Recipients must be informed of this reinstatement and begin cooperating with the requirements of this component within two weeks of the date of this memo.

YPP (continued) Most YPP sites will be reopening. If AU Managers are unsure if the YPP site is reopening in their area, they must inform the TAO Director who will call Thomas Lee, ESP Young Parents Program Manager, at 617-348-5024.

If a recipient has enrolled in a YPP site that has a delayed opening beyond the two-week period, the recipient must not be sanctioned for failure to participate in the program. If a recipient was enrolled in a YPP site that has not reopened, the recipient must not be sanctioned for failure to participate in the program.

AU Managers are reminded that every effort must be made to place these recipients whose YPP site has not reopened into another appropriate component, if available.

Additionally, new referrals may now be made to the YPP component.

Availability of Support Services

As a result of this reinstatement, the following support services are available to YPP participants only:

- reimbursement money for GED testing, and
- transportation.

Child care, as appropriate, may continue to be authorized for YPP participants.

Note: Child care must be reauthorized if the AU Manager already closed the Child Care AU.

Transportation payments must be made by going to the Related Benefits window of the Program Administration workflow and clicking on “Transportation.” Enter the amount of the payment (up to \$150). Then go to the Interview Wrap-up window to authorize this benefit.

Reminder: AU Managers are reminded that when reimbursing transportation costs, the least expensive method of transportation should be reimbursed.

AU Managers must complete the ESP workflow before issuing support services.

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline at 617-348-8478.
