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**Online Guide Transmittal 2015-14
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff

From: *AS* Anne O'Sullivan, Assistant Commissioner for Policy, Program and External Relations

Re: TAFDC – Teen Parents Living in Teen Parenting Program (TPP)

Overview

A Teen Parenting Program (TPP) is a residential facility which provides a structured living environment for pregnant and parenting female teens and their children. A teen parent and her child may be required to live in a TPP when:

- the teen parent is homeless or cannot live at home with her parent(s) because domestic violence, abuse, neglect, substance abuse, or other extraordinary circumstance in the home is confirmed by a Department of Children and Families assessment;
- there is no adult relative age 20 or older or legal guardian with whom the teen parent can live; and
- the teen parent does not meet the qualifications for living independently.

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to remind staff that:

- teens living in TPPs are required to pay a portion of their grant to the TPP facility where they are living;
 - these teen parents are entitled to the appropriate SNAP expense deductions, found in 106 CMR 364.400;
 - no income-in-kind deductions are required for TAFDC purposes.
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**BEACON
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Page Change**

The following Online Guide page has been changed:

Topic: TAFDC

Book: Program Nonfinancial Requirements

Chapter: Teen Parents

Page: Teen Parenting Program

Questions

If you have any questions, please have your Hotline designee call the Policy Hotline.
