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**Online Guide Transmittal 2018-58
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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Paul Sutliff, Assistant Commissioner for Programs and Field Operations
Re: TAFDC: Young Parents Program (YPP)

Overview

The Young Parents Program is part of the TAFDC Employment Services Program. Its primary goals are to empower parents to pursue a path to economic mobility through education pathways and job readiness. The Young Parents Program has been re-procured for fiscal year 2019. The new procurement effected some program changes and the provider network.

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to advise staff that effective September 1, 2018 the YPP will:

- enroll teens ages 14-24 who are pregnant or parenting who do not have a high school diploma or its equivalent or who wish to enroll in post-secondary education or training; and
- be open to both custodial and non-custodial parents of dependent children on TAFDC
- require assignment of all participants to a Self-Sufficiency Specialist (SSS)

Additionally the online guide has been updated to reflect current procedures for DTA Works.

**Revised Online
Guide Pages**

Topic: TAFDC
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New Form

The form: Young Parent’s Program Noncustodial Parent Referral has been created.

Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email the DTA Mailbox.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
