



## **Appendix A: State-Supervised, County-Administered Protocol Form**



## Welfare Peer TA Request No. 197 Survey of State TANF Service Models for Teen Parents



*Name of the Program/Project:*

*Location:*

*Name(s) of the Interviewee, Job Title, Job Function, Phone Number, and E-Mail Address*

### **Purpose of the Survey**

Identify state initiatives targeting teen parents under age 20, which are designed to reduce future welfare dependency using strategies that promote outcomes such as:

- Increase high school completion rates;
- Reduce subsequent birth rates; and
- Ease transition of youth under 20 from welfare to work through mentoring, subsidized employment, on the job training, after school programming, etc.

### **Statewide Program Overview**

- Please give us an overview of your State's statutory requirements to serve teen parents. (Web links are acceptable.)
- What are the stated goals of your teen parent program?
- Describe the demographics of your teen population (e.g., caseload size and percentage of total population by age; race; ethnicity; income level; marital status; education; number of children; and urban, suburban, and rural makeup).
- How do you define the TANF assistance unit helping teen parents?
- What is the service-delivery model used in your State? Does that model vary by location?
- Are there special statewide, regional, or local projects that target this age group and that you would recommend we contact? Can you provide the contact information?

### **Program Design and Implementation**

- What are roles of staff members who deliver TANF program services to teen parents? For example, what does the program and service configuration look like in terms of staff members involved in providing services and benefits, such as income maintenance staff members, employment counselors, child care providers, public health nurses, and social workers? Are they required to have special training to work with teens?
- Are there any active coalitions or partnerships among State, county, and local government agencies or in the private sector (i.e., for-profit companies, nonprofit organizations) to guide programming that attains positive youth outcomes? If so, what are they, how did that collaboration come about, and how well has it worked?



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- How do your State or local agencies involve community groups with the design and planning activities and/or the implementation of your teen parent service-delivery model/project?
- Are there special services for teens or teen parents who have aged out of foster care?
- What barriers or challenges do you face in the delivery of your teen parent services?
- If you were to design your teen parent program or model differently, what would you change? This process could include changing State law if appropriate.
- Do you base your teen parent service-delivery model/project on any evidence-based practices? If so, what are they?

### Outcomes Evaluation

- What outcomes do you measure? Examples are high school completion, workplace skills attainment, employment rates, and the number of subsequent births. Please send us the links to your published outcomes for teen parents and other outcomes data that you can share.
- What are your State's teen pregnancy rates by race and ethnicity? Are the outcomes for teen parents different by race and ethnicity?