

Project HOPE High On Parent Education!

Project HOPE offers a variety of interventions to support pregnant and parenting students to stay in school and complete their education. Some services and programs are available before and during the pregnancy and others are available postpartum. Transportation and child care are available free of charge for all pregnant and parenting students.

Life Skills for Student Parents (LSSP)

LSSP is a service program available for pregnant and parenting students. The purpose of LSSP is to reduce student absences and dropouts due to teen pregnancy and parenting responsibilities.

Why is LSSP important?

Young parents need knowledge, resources, and skills to parent their children. Education is the most important tool a teenager will need to become a self-sufficient, productive member of society. Education, along with job training, child care, and post-secondary education planning, will allow students to control their own lives and reach personal goals.

What services are provided by LSSP?

According to Texas Education Code 29.085, programs funded through the LSSP program require that the following components be available to students:

- Counseling
- Job readiness/career counseling
- Child care and child care referrals
- Transportation of students and their children
- Instruction in skills and knowledge for parenting
- Assistance in obtaining services from governmental agencies or community service organizations

Pregnancy Related Services (PRS)

Site-based Instruction Placement - In this classroom setting, pregnant students are taught academic subjects in a non-traditional setting. Students receive individualized instruction from a certified teacher. In addition to academic support, students also receive information on parenting, career guidance, and goal setting. Classes are held at the Project HOPE site near the main campus of Terrell High School. Students typically remain on the regular campus through their eighth month of pregnancy unless they have a certifiable medical need to begin site-based instruction. At eight months, parents can make the decision to place their daughters on site if a physician has not already recommended the placement. Transportation is provided.

CEHI Prenatal and/or Postpartum Instruction - After delivery, or sometimes prior to delivery if bed rest is necessary, students will receive CEHI (Compensatory Education Home Instruction) for four or more hours each week. If a physician directs that the student must be home-based and on bed rest, then a certified teacher will instruct the student at home under home-based instruction placement for four or more hours each week. Postpartum, all students will attend CEHI at home for three to four weeks and then at Project HOPE until returning to school, as it is in the best interest of the student to return to school quickly. At Project HOPE, students will have access to computers, Internet, and their classroom teachers for questions and concerns. By serving CEHI students on our campus, students will be able to transition back to school faster and with fewer problems concerning grades and make-up work. Students may return to class as early as the first day of the fourth week after delivery without a doctor's note. Earlier returns require a physician's release. Students must return to campus no later than six weeks after the date of delivery or they will be counted absent. Students who have a certifiable, documented prenatal medical need for home-based instruction will have a certified teacher come to the home for assistance with their academic courses as long as a doctor recommends.

Parenting Education for School-Age Parents

This state-approved course is specifically designed for pregnant and parenting students. Units of study include parenthood responsibilities, prenatal and postnatal care, child development, special needs of children, family relationships, adult roles, incomes, nutrition, clothing, job and career exploration, and decision-making. Parenting Education for School-Age Parents can be taken for up to two years (Parenting I and II). Other courses, including Family and Career Management, Consumer and Family Economics, and Personal and Family Development are also available. Contact your guidance counselor on the main campus of Terrell High School for more information.