



Childcare Taskforce - Teen Parent Advisory Pilot

***** Invitation to Participate *****

The Alignment Nashville Childcare Taskforce subcommittee is leading a community-wide effort to pilot a **Teen Parent Advisory** at one or more high schools in the Metropolitan Nashville Public School (MNPS) district that will **educate and support pregnant and parenting teens**. This pilot advisory seeks to increase the number of students applying for childcare certificates, advance student knowledge of available resources in the community, and improve graduation and post secondary education rates at the pilot site(s). The pilot advisory will meet at least monthly during the already established 30-minute advisory period and will engage community organizations to provide much-needed information on topics identified by the participating students. The pilot school site(s) will be determined by MNPS administrators during summer 2010.

The committee invites organizations to participate in the Teen Parent Advisory during the 2010-11 school year by making interactive, engaging presentations on topics of interest to parenting teens, including:

- College admissions/financial aid processes
- Childcare Certificates
- Home Visiting Programs
- WIC/Food Security Programs
- Parenting Styles
- Intellectual Development of Children
- Normative Child Development
- Nutrition
- Lifetime Wellness
- Personal Finance
- Job Opportunities
- Affordable, Quality Child Care
- Additional topics that may be of interest to this population of students

If your organization would like to participate, please respond to this Invitation to Participate (ITP) by June 25, 2010. The committee will review all responses for appropriateness and relevance to the target audience on June 28, 2010*. **Note: All participating organizations must be approved through an MNPS FLSE review.*

The committee will then hold a review and planning session on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 (time and location TBA) to allow committee members, MNPS personnel, and students to preview presentations and collaborate with community organizations to develop a comprehensive program schedule for the 2010-11 school year that covers all of the topics requested by students and teachers at the pilot site(s).

TIMELINE

ITP Release: June 8, 2010

ITP Response Deadline: June 25, 2010; the committee will review all responses to the ITP on June 28, 2010.

Review/Planning Session: July 12, 2010 -- the committee asks that each organization presentation be reviewed by the committee members and students from the spring 2010 Teen Parent Advisory program for feedback and placement in the program schedule.

School Selection: TBD

Teen Parent Advisory Pilot Program Dates: August 2010 – May 2011

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

If your organization is interested in participating in the Teen Parent Advisory Pilot program, please go to <http://alignmentnashville.org/showForm.php?formID=9> to submit brief information about your proposed presentation. Please enter your contact information as directed on this page, and then follow these instructions for completing the remainder of the form:

- **Organization's Area of Expertise**-Please select the topic(s) from the dropdown menu that are relevant to the service of your organization.
- **Proposed Presentation Description**- Please briefly describe the topic and content of the presentation you are interested in contributing to the Teen Parent Advisory pilot. Please note the length of your presentation (no more than 30 minutes), and explain how the presentation will contribute to the following goals: increasing the number of students applying for childcare certificates, advancing student knowledge of available resources in the community, and/or improving graduation and post secondary education.
- **Materials or Special Accommodations**- Select from the following list the materials and special accommodations your presentation would require such as handouts, a media player, or projector and screen.
- **Times Available to Present to Committee for Approval**- As a part of the program design, each community organization's presentation will need to be reviewed by the Childcare Taskforce committee, including recent graduates of the Teen Parent Advisory Program at Maplewood High School. The purpose of this process is to screen each presentation for length, content, relevance, and overall appeal. Please select the times on July 12th that you are available to meet with this committee.
- **Dates Available to Deliver Presentation**- Please indicate your availability to assist us with appropriate planning and scheduling by selecting as many dates as you are available to present to the Advisory during the school year from the dropdown menu.
- **Description of Other Services Available**- If you feel you are able to assist the Teen Parent Advisory in another way, please describe so in this box. In your description, please include information regarding how you are willing to contribute to the Advisory and your organization's capacity to serve.
- **DSOP IM 4.154** Please check the box if your organization has been approved to present in MNPS schools. The committee will verify that all organizations are approved prior to admittance into the program as a presenter.

Please submit your proposal online by Friday, June 25, 2010.

If you have any questions about the resource guide or the proposal process, please contact: Melissa Jagers, Associate Director – Alignment Nashville, at melissa.jagers@nashville.gov.

***Note: DSOP IM 4.154**

Presenters must follow the Tennessee Health Education Standards and comply with TCA and MNPS policy when teaching Family Life & Sexuality Education. In order to participate in the Teen Parent Advisory, all organizations must be approved by an MNPS review committee. Please contact Alignment Nashville for verification of prior approval.