



Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teens Grant

The Support for Pregnant and Parenting Teen (SPPT) Grant is a school-based grant program available in five Connecticut school districts with the highest teen pregnancy and school dropout rates (Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Waterbury). The programs are located in comprehensive high schools serving students in grades 9-12, with a focus on improving the health, education, and social outcomes for pregnant and parenting students and their children.

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is the lead agency in partnership with the Connecticut State Departments of Public Health and Social Services, the Hispanic Health Council and Capital Region Education Center (CREC).

The program provides a coordinated approach to school health and student support services, which has been identified as an evidence-based approach for working with parenting students and their children.

This coordinated model offers:

- Flexible, quality schooling to help young parents complete high school
- Case management and family support
- Linkages and referrals to prenatal care and reproductive health services
- Quality child care for children with links to basic prevention health care
- Parenting and life skills education and support services
- Father involvement services and supports.

Overarching goals of the SPPT Program aim to:

- Increase school retention and completion
- Reduce risk of course failure
- Reduce the rate of school dropout
- Reduce second pregnancies
- Increase access to prenatal care and reproductive health services
- Increase access to licensed child care centers
- Increase access to pediatric health services
- Increase access to case management and social services
- Increase access to services for teenage fathers

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