

Area: Pregnant Women

Subject: PW02 - Transportation of Pregnant Women/Teens and Teen Fathers

Reference: 45 CFR 1304.40(c)

Policy: Designated staff will transport pregnant women and minors following the recommendations by Stanislaus County Office of Education legal counsel outlined below.

Procedure:

Pregnant Women

Pregnant women/fathers may be transported to socializations and medical appointments as necessary to comply with Performance Standards and to support her participation in the program. Participants must complete and sign the appropriate Pregnant Women Emergency Form before transportation occurs.

Pregnant Teens & Teen Fathers

Pregnant teens and teen fathers may be transported to socializations and medical appointments as necessary to comply with Performance Standards and to support her/his participation in the program once her/his parent or legal guardian has completed and signed the Pregnant Minor/Teen Father Emergency Form(s).

If the pregnant teen/teen father's parent or legal guardian does not consent to the transportation of their daughter/son, the program cannot transport her/him to socializations or medical appointments.

Although California law generally permits a pregnant minor to obtain "medical care" related to the treatment of pregnancy without parental consent, it is not recommended that staff provide transportation to a pregnant teen without parental consent due to the liability involved. California law does not address teen father rights and therefore program staff must not transport him under any circumstance without parental/guardian consent.

Every effort must be made to assist the pregnant teen in accessing needed medical services without breaching the teen's confidentiality, parental/guardian rights or putting the county office at risk of liability by transporting a teen without proper consent. Alternative transportation suggestions should be conveyed to the pregnant teen.

Supervised by: Home Based Educator

Performed by: Child Care Specialists, Home Based Educators, Health Staff, Family Service Worker

Forms needed: Pregnant Women Emergency Form, Pregnant Minor Emergency Form, Teen Father/Minor Emergency Form

Frequency: Ongoing as needed to comply with policy