

# STUDENT PARENTING PROGRAM

*A County Assistance Office Contractor of Services, also known as ELECT Program.*

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1. *Who can participate?***

Expectant and parenting female/ male students who are residents of the City of Erie under the age of 22 years old, and are pursuing a high school diploma or GED certificate.

**2. *What are the goals of the program?***

To provide pregnant and parenting students the opportunity:

- To remain enrolled in school or educational program achieving diploma or GED.
- To continue academic coursework/credits.
- To receive specialized education in prenatal care/development, nutrition, parenting skills, career goals, infant care and child development.
- To receive support and connection with other services that help overcome barriers to successful parenting and graduation.

**3. *Is pregnancy an excuse for non-attendance in school?***

No, according to Section 1327 of the Pennsylvania School Code Compulsory Attendance Law: "Pregnancy by itself is not a sufficient excuse for non-attendance."

**4. *Is there a fee for this program?***

There is no fee to participate in the program. Competitive grant funds are sought to cover all costs of the program. **The student's social security number is required by the Department of Human Services for enrollment in the program. The student may be required to provide additional documentation to the County Assistance office for enrollment into the ELECT Program.**

**5. *What services will the Student Parenting Program offer?***

Prenatal and parenting education, graduation and post-graduation planning, case management, support services, assistance with applications for subsidized child care, collaborative programs with community agencies, and referrals to community services.

**6. *When can a student enter the program?***

Students can enter the program any time during the school year or summertime.

**7. *What are the student's responsibilities?***

To continue their academic program, regular attendance at school, and cooperative participation in the Erie City ELECT Program (meeting with their Case Manager on a regular basis at school or scheduled quarterly home visits and participating in education groups/ presentations).

**8. *When and where does this program take place?***

The Erie City ELECT Program staff meet weekly with the students at their school or GED location, at scheduled home visits and community locations. Attention to not disrupt academic classes is prioritized.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR REGISTRATION IN THE PROGRAM  
PLEASE CONTACT: The School Nurse, Counselor, Principal, Organization Staff or  
The Erie City ELECT Program at 814-847-6461.**