PROJECT Reach

REACHING OUT TO PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE! HELP IS ONE STEP AWAY – REACH FOR IT TODAY!

Project Reach is a school-based intervention program that coordinates medical/health, social, child care, job readiness, academic and support services for pregnant and parenting students.

This program makes a difference. The percentage of participants who stay in school and graduate or acquire their GEDs is climbing. Pregnant teens are getting earlier and more prenatal care.

We focus on the individual – you! Your special needs. Your goals. Your dreams for a brighter future – for yourself and for your child/children.

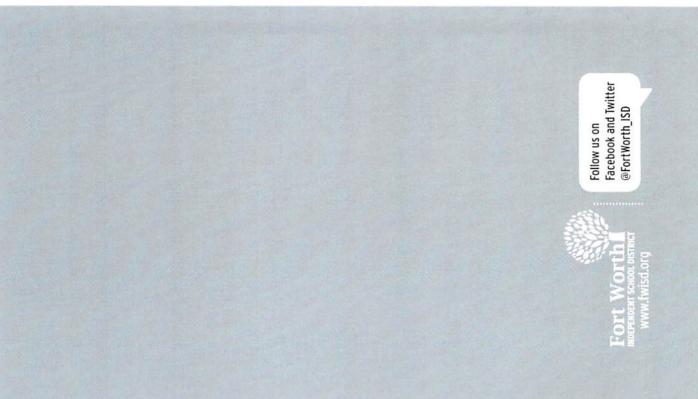Project Reach serves any student who meets the following eligibility requirements:

- A pregnant and/or parenting school-age female
- A school-age male who has fathered a child
- Of school-age, which extends through age 21 as of September 1
- Attending or eligible to attend a Fort Worth ISD school

Call the Project Reach office and begin to change your world and reshape your future. Or talk in confidence to a Reach social worker at your school.

"I'M 15. I'M PREGNANT, AND I'M SCARED. MY WHOLE WORLD IS CHANGING. I REALLY WANT TO GRADUATE, BUT HOW CAN I STAY IN SCHOOL AND TAKE CARE OF A BABY, TOO?"

Project Reach can help you in many ways. Get the medical attention to keep you healthy during your pregnancy and to ensure that your child has ongoing quality health care. Our caring social workers will design a program that's best for you. You can stay in school and graduate – knowing your child is safe and cared for!

"I'M 17 AND I JUST FOUND OUT I'M GOING TO BE A FATHER. WHAT DO I DO? IF I DROP OUT OF SCHOOL NOW, WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF EVER FINDING A REALLY GOOD JOB? AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HELP TAKE CARE OF A BABY ANYWAY. SO, WHAT CAN I DO?"

You don't have to do it alone. Project Reach can help you with job readiness training and provide guidance and instruction in parenting skills. The staff will help you take advantage of academic and technical education options to meet your needs (such as credit by exam, correspondence courses, summer school, extended day and payment of your GED testing fees).

We want you, as a pregnant or parenting student, to become a valuable and positive contributor to the future of Fort Worth.

With support from Project Reach resources, you can:
* Stay in school and graduate
* Return to school and complete your education
* Receive the health care you and your child/children need
* Create a brighter future for yourself and for your child/children

Here are some of the services that Project Reach provides:
* Individual, peer and self-help counseling
* Transportation for you and your child(ren)
* Child care assistance
* Health monitoring of you and your child(ren) so that medical attention can be obtained as needed
* Job readiness training
* Guidance and instruction in parenting skills
* Help in obtaining services from government and community organizations
* Monitoring of your grades and attendance to ensure that problems are identified and resolved quickly
* Help in exploring and utilizing academic and technical education options to meet your specific needs

✳ MISSION ✳

The mission of Project Reach is to enable school-age parents, through coordination of educational, medical, social, job readiness, child care and other needed services, to become self-sufficient, responsible, job-oriented citizens.

✳ AIM ✳

Project Reach aims to reduce the number of students who drop out of school due to pregnancy or parenthood and to bring young parents, who are less than 21 years of age, back into the educational system.

Project Reach provides the following services to eligible students throughout the Fort Worth ISD:
* Drop-out prevention and recovery services
* Pregnancy-related services
* Life Skills Program for student parents

Contact Project Reach for more information.

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