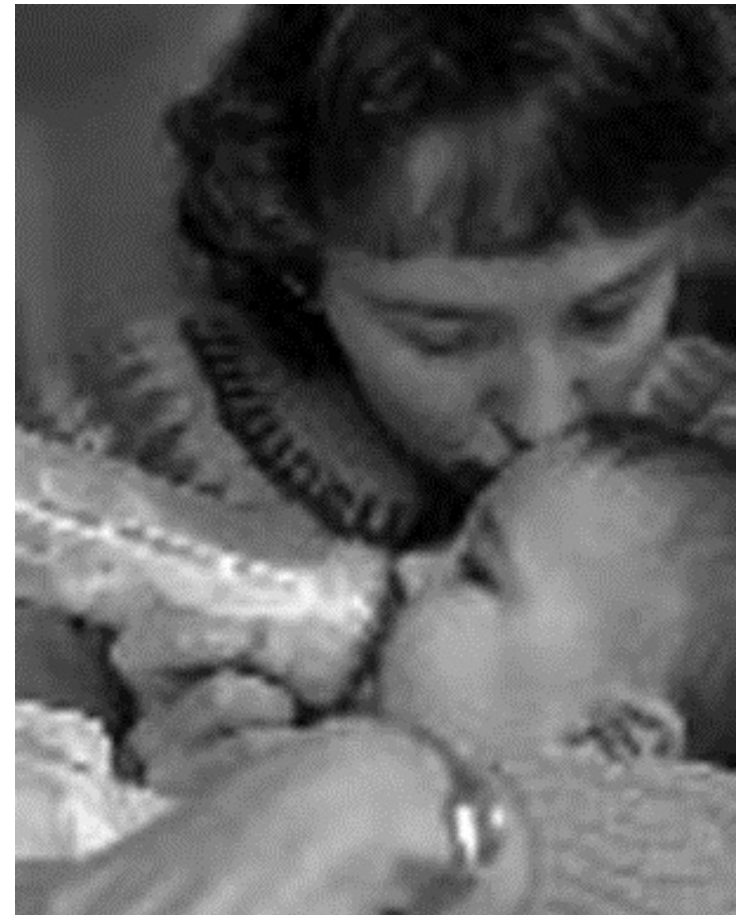


Do You Need Transitional Assistance?

*Important Information for
Teenage Parents*



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If you have a child or are pregnant, you might be able to get **Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC)**. If you are **under 20 years of age**, special rules apply to you.

- If you don't have a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency Tests (HiSET) certificate, you have to go to school or be in a full-time program that will lead to a HiSET certificate.
- If you are in a HiSET program for less than 20 hours a week, you must be in another approved training program or work at either a job or community service. DTA can help you find an appropriate program.
- If you are **under 18 years old**, you have to live with your parents or other adult relative or adult guardian. If you can't live with your parents for a good reason, tell DTA. A special teen parent worker from another agency may visit you and your parents to find out what the problems are.
- It is also possible to live in a structured setting (a home for teen parents), or on your own if the Department decides you can live on your own.

If you are **under 18**, live with your parents and your parents:

- get TAFDC, you can't get your own grant. The money for you and your child will be in your parents' grant.
- do not get TAFDC; you can get your own grant for you and your child. We need to know your parents' income to decide if you can get TAFDC.

If you need child care to attend school or work, the Department may be able to provide child care for you by referring you to an agency that can help with child care. The Department may also pay your transportation expenses.

If you are experiencing domestic violence, a referral to a Domestic Violence Specialist at DTA can provide support, safety planning and referrals to community support services.

If you do not want to apply for TAFDC, or you don't qualify, you may still be able to get SNAP, MassHealth and/or child care for you and your child. **There may be more rules that apply to you.**

For more information about Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC) or other benefits, please call the **DTA Assistance Line at 1-877-382-2363**.