

SECTION F: LOCAL EVALUATION

Executive Summary

Grant Awarded to: Parent Education Network
Program Name: Young Parents Program (YPP)
Funded By: Butte County Children and Families Commission
Report Date: September 15, 2005

Program Components/Desired Results:

- ' Case Management
- ' Parent Classes
- ' Recreational Activities
- ' Fathers' Support Group

Desired Results

- ' Teen parents entering the Young Parents program will demonstrate an increase in effective parenting skills within twelve weeks of beginning the program.
- ' Teen parents entering the Young Parent or Young Fathers programs will reduce or eliminate their consumption of tobacco products.
- ' Teen parents entering the Young Parent or Young Fathers programs will increase reports of reading with their children.
- ' All teen parents enrolled in the Young Parents or Young Fathers programs will be enrolled and participate in parent education classes and support groups.
- ' All teen parents enrolled in the programs will be screened for completion of high school or GED. Those not having completed high school or GED will be encouraged to add this objective to their individualized service plans.

Evaluation Results

Participants in the case management component showed progress towards meeting their goals at the end of three months, they had difficulty continuing to progress by the end of six months.

Parent classes were evaluated with a pre and post knowledge test. Very few post knowledge tests were collected from participants. Therefore, no meaningful conclusions or remarks could be formulated for this component.

There was no evaluation of the recreational activities offered to participants.

Fathers' Support Group was evaluated by a focus group of participants. Although there were only two members of the group present at the focus group, they were very enthusiastic about the benefits they've received from participating in the group. They cited a number of strategies they had learned in coping with their children and the stresses of their daily lives. They felt the group had helped them to become closer to their children and to understand them better. They also felt that the supportive environment and sound

advice have enabled them to become better parents and to avoid any number of bad behaviors which would be detrimental not only to themselves but to their families.

A Participant Survey was designed to learn about participants' experiences and successes with all parts of the program. Results from this survey are not included in this report due to the small number of Participant Surveys collected from participants.

The program manager has indicated that she will be more consistent in collecting evaluation forms in the future and has demonstrated such at the beginning of the 2005/06 program year.