

**A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF DUPAGE AND TEEN  
PARENT CONNECTION**

WHEREAS, the County of DuPage (“County”) is a body corporate and politic; and

WHEREAS, TEEN PARENT CONNECTION (“Agency”) is a 501(c)(3) organization created under the Internal Revenue Code, and

WHEREAS, the County has established the Member Initiative Program which permits members of the County Board to advance items which benefit their district and assigns certain amounts of public funds for those purposes; and

WHEREAS, the County’s funding for each Agency is not a donation and must be used to perform certain services or functions within the County’s statutory authority to perform; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Agency are hereafter sometimes referred to as the “Party” and collectively referred to herein as “the Parties”; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have prepared this Agreement to govern the distribution of the grant funds identified above.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Purpose of the Agreement.** The Purpose of this Agreement is to define the project for which grant funds are to be used and provide funding for eligible expenses.
2. **Recitals.** The recitals to this Agreement are incorporated as though set forth fully herein.
3. **Term.** This Agreement shall remain in effect through November 30, 2025. Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 of this Agreement shall remain in effect indefinitely and shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Funds shall be expended prior to November 30, 2025.
4. **Project Description.** Agency shall receive seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) from the County. Agency shall undertake the following project or activities described in the Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit A.
5. **Termination, Breach.** This Agreement may be terminated upon thirty (30) days’ notice to the other Party with the written consent of the other Party. All terms of this Agreement shall be considered material terms and therefore all breaches shall be deemed material breaches. In the event of a breach of this Agreement by any Party, the non-breaching Party shall provide the breaching Party with written notice of the breach and shall provide a period of not less than thirty (30) days to cure said breach.
6. **Venue, Applicable Law.** The exclusive venue for disputes arising from this Agreement shall be the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, sitting in Wheaton, Illinois. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois.
7. **Payment.** The County agrees to pay the Agency seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00). Payment is contingent upon: (1) compliance with County rules and regulations; (2) Accounts Payable review by Finance Staff and County Audit Staff including providing

sufficient invoicing and proof of purchase; and (3) completion of a fully executed Agreement. Payments shall be made in the form of reimbursement and upon invoice from Agency. Payments for eligible expenses authorized under this Agreement shall be made within thirty (30) days of receipt of completed invoices and proof of purchase. All funds shall be expended not later than November 30, 2025.

8. **Assignment.** Neither Party shall assign performance under this Agreement, nor shall either Party transfer any right or obligation under this Agreement without the express written approval of the County.
9. **Amendment.** Any amendment to the terms of this Agreement must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been executed and approved by the same Parties who approved and executed the original Agreement or their successors in office.
10. **Waiver.** If the County fails to enforce any provision of this Agreement, that failure does not waive said provision or the County's right to enforce it.
11. **Sole Agreement.** This Agreement contains all negotiations between the County and Agency. No other understanding regarding this grant Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either Party.
12. **Liability.** The Agency agrees to indemnify, save, and hold the County, its officers, agents and employees, harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the County, arising from the performance of this Agreement by the Agency, its officers, agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Agency may have for the County's failure to fulfill any of the County's obligations under this Agreement. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, indemnification under Section 12 of this Agreement shall be limited to the Agency's allocation, less any amount unspent.

COUNTY OF DUPAGE

TEEN PARENT CONNECTION,

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Deborah Conroy  
Chair, DuPage County



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Becky Beilfuss,  
Executive Director

ATTEST:

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Jean Kaczmarek,  
County Clerk



DuPage County  
Office of the County Board  
421 North County Farm Road  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187-3978

**MEMBER INITIATIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION - Please complete all sections for submission**

**SECTION I Organization Information**

Organization	Teen Parent Connection
Contact Person	Becky Beilfuss
Address	475 Taft Ave
City	Glen Ellyn IL 60137
Phone Number	430 790 8433
Email	BFB BeckyB@teenparentconnection.org

**SECTION II Project Description**

Project Title	Education Resources, Support for young parents
Cost of the Project	7000.00
Brief Description of the Scope of Initiative	Car seats, diapers, ispad for staff, [REDACTED]
Desired Outcomes	Assist young families in DuPage County

**SECTION III Signature**

Member Name	Mary Ozog
District	4
Signature	[REDACTED]

**SECTION IV Supplement**

Please attach the following (if applicable)

- Letters of Engagement from all involved organizations
- Vendor Ethics Disclosures
- Bid Documents
- Proof of Good Standing with IL Secretary of State for all partner organizations
- Tax Documents (such as W-9 forms, where applicable)



May 19, 2025

Dear District 4 - DuPage County Board Member – Mary Ozog

I am writing to request a County Board Member Initiative Grant to support the work and mission of Teen Parent Connection.

This organization is dedicated to empowering young parents and their children by providing essential education, resources, and support. Our mission is to equip young families with the tools they need for a healthy and successful future. We offer a variety of services, including parenting education, support groups, and vital programs like our Car Seat Safety Education initiative. Located in District 4 (Glen Ellyn), we have been a steadfast presence in the community. As we celebrate 40 years of service, we are more committed than ever to addressing these challenges and ensuring young families in our community have the support and resources they need for a brighter future.

**We are requesting \$7,000 in funding that will help fund several critical initiatives that will directly benefit the families we serve.**

**Funding Breakdown:**

**1. Basics Insights Program Enrollment - \$1,000**

We aim to enroll our families in the Basics Insights program offered by the DuPage County Health Department. This program provides parents with text messages customized based on their child's birth date, offering valuable information about developmental milestones and ways to support their child's healthy growth. Developed by a Harvard professor, Boston Basics is the foundation of this program, ensuring that the information provided is research-based and highly beneficial.

- **Impact:** By participating in this program, parents will be better equipped to support their children's development, leading to improved educational and health outcomes.

**2. Diapers for Parents Pantry - \$2,500**

We plan to purchase larger size diapers for our Parents Pantry, ensuring that families have access to essential supplies for their growing children. Diapers cannot be purchased with LINK cards – leaving families to struggle with the added financial burden of buying these essential items out-of-pocket.

- **Impact:** Access to diapers helps alleviate financial stress for young parents, allowing them to focus on other critical needs and providing a healthier environment for their children.

**3. iPads for Home Visitors - \$2,500**

These funds will allow us to purchase iPads for our home visitors to use in the field. This technology will enable them to connect to the internet to access our participant database while in the field – as

well as the ability to assist families with applications for jobs, FAFSA, bill payments, school lunch programs, health care accounts, and more.

- **Impact:** With iPads, our home visitors can provide more efficient and effective support, helping families access vital resources and services that can improve their quality of life.

4. **Car Seats for Young Families - \$1000**

Teen Parent Connection's Car Seat Safety Education program has grown to a team of seven certified technicians. The program provides essential car seat education, safety checks, and installations, ensuring that parents who cannot afford a new car seat receive one after completing a passenger safety program. This initiative is crucial as nearly 49% of child safety seats are installed or used improperly. The program includes educational sessions, safety fairs, and partnerships with local police, with materials available in both English and Spanish.

- **Impact:** Teen Parent Connection is dedicated to ensuring the safety of children in DuPage County by providing expert car seat education and installations, significantly enhancing parents' confidence and knowledge.

Thank you for your time and generosity.

Sincerely,



Becky Beilfuss  
Executive Director

Attached: 501C3 letter

# What **you** make possible...

## Navigating Young Parenthood: How Education and Support Builds Confidence

Becoming a mother as a teenager can feel overwhelming, but for Adriana, it was a turning point- an opportunity to grow. At age 19, she described herself as shy, so discovering she was pregnant, thoughts of uncertainty around navigating early parenthood flooded her mind. This new journey was difficult to accept until she received a call from Teen Parent Connection (TPC).

Adriana began meeting with a doula, that is when she realized that although her life was about to change forever, TPC would provide support throughout every step. She experienced fears such as whether her opinions and choices would be heard and respected as a young mother. With the guidance of a doula, she learned to trust that she was making the right decisions as a parent. "My doula taught me to [...] advocate for myself."

The relationship with her doula grew stronger throughout her pregnancy. She felt safe and excited to ask questions. "Just hearing the words 'you'll be okay' gave me so much comfort." She enjoyed learning about relaxation techniques and how important her health is for the baby. With these newfound tools and knowledge, she has become a source of encouragement to other young families.

She describes Teen Parent Connection as warm, welcoming, and energetic. With the support of a home visitor, she feels more self-assured as an individual and a mother. "I am who I am, and I'm not going to hide it."

With TPC's Young Parent Support and Therapy Groups, she found community amongst other young moms who she can relate to and learn from. "It's a little family." Her baby, Gabriela, loves to tag along group sessions and socialize with the other young children. Baby Gabriela is happily growing every day as she approaches her first birthday. She likes to channel her musically creative side by playing with toy drums, singing with Miss Rachel, and dancing to Reggaeton music.

Adriana says that Teen Parent Connection's staff and programs played a large role in encouraging her to get out of her comfort zone and gain confidence. She is extremely grateful for all the resources received and recommends TPC to other young parents. "With the right support and the right people, you're going to be fine."

Your support is crucial to Teen Parent Connection, as it allows us to provide essential resources and services that empower young parents. With your help, we can ensure that every teen parent and their child has the opportunity to thrive in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment. Additionally, your contributions enable us to offer prevention education to teens, helping them make informed decisions and avoid early parenthood.



**Teen Parent  
Connection**

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# Growing Together our legacy – our future

Teen Parent Connection offers a continuum of programs that serve the community through education, empowerment, and support for teenagers and teenage parents.



**"My doula was a shoulder I could lean on. She heard every problem, every doubt I had in my mind, and made sure I was okay. I loved knowing someone was fighting for me and what I wanted."**

## Doula

Our Doula program supports pregnant teens by providing continuous physical, emotional, and informational assistance before, during, and after childbirth. Doulas offer personalized, one-to-one care to ensure each young parent receives individualized support. Our services include childbirth education classes, home visits, and tailored support to empower and prepare young parents for their new role.

## Healthy Families

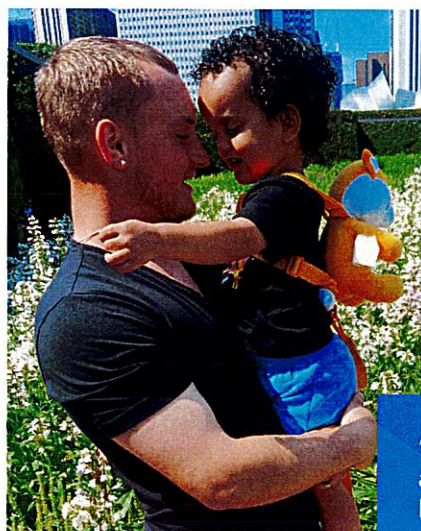
The Healthy Families program provides young parents with support by meeting them where they're at—right in their own home. Home visits offer personalized assistance, helping parents build confidence and develop essential protective factors. These include understanding child development, fostering strong bonds between parent and child, and creating a safe home environment, all of which contribute to the overall well-being and resilience of the family.



**"TPC helped me with finding parenting strategies for my son with developmental delays. My home visits have made me a better parent and have helped me grow as a person."**

## Father Engagement

TPC's Father Engagement program supports young fathers as parents, providers, caregivers, and nurturers. By building confidence and essential parenting skills, we help fathers foster their child's healthy growth and development. Engaged fathers contribute significantly to their children's emotional and social well-being, leading to better outcomes in education, behavior, and health. Our resources empower fathers to create strong, positive relationships with their children.



**"Patrick (Dads' Program Coordinator) is always here for me when I need him, I'm glad I continued with the program. It has helped me a lot with my mental health and life."**

## Parents Pantry

The Parents' Pantry allows TPC participants to shop for baby and personal items using "Baby Bucks" earned through program participation, healthcare appointments, and school attendance. These "Baby Bucks" can be spent on essentials like wipes, diapers, formula, baby clothes, and hygiene products. This program encourages active engagement while providing vital support to young families.

**"My family has benefited greatly from [Parents' Pantry]. We are extremely grateful for [Pantry] as well as the donors. We are happy to be part of such a great community."**



## Parent Groups

Navigating early parenthood can be challenging and isolating. Our weekly parent groups at community sites offer a safe, welcoming space for young moms and dads. We provide support and education for pregnancy and parenting, ensuring parents receive help at every stage. These groups offer non-judgmental peer support, fostering a strong sense of community where parents can share experiences, exchange advice, and form meaningful connections.



**"I love how welcoming TPC is! It's so helpful for young parents, like me, to have help that's just for us."**

## Therapeutic Counseling

Our Therapeutic Counseling services promote the positive mental health and well-being of young parents by providing a safe, therapeutic space that is accessible and free of charge. We offer one-on-one and group-based therapy for individuals, couples, and families engaged in other TPC support programs. These services are designed to support young parents in navigating their challenges, fostering resilience, and enhancing their overall quality of life.



**"Therapy has helped me to be calmer and more decisive in my life; it helped me make better choices. I have better relationships with people now- I feel like a better mother and partner."**

## Prevention

We deliver prevention education to thousands of middle and high school students in the DuPage County area throughout the school year. Our Health Educators partner with Peer Educators, who share their personal experiences of being young parents. This collaboration provides students with relatable and impactful insights, helping them understand the challenges and responsibilities of parenthood. By offering this education, we aim to empower students with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions about their health and future.



**"TPC has done a great job making lessons relevant and impactful for all students. We love that students get to be involved in the lesson and have the chance to ask peer educators questions."**

# 2024 IMPACT | by the numbers



# 14,163

TOTAL ENGAGED IN PROGRAMS

**35**  
YOUNG FATHERS

**126** PERINATAL EDUCATION

**32**  
DOULA

**72**  
HEALTHY FAMILIES

**13,816**  
STUDENTS SERVED  
BY PEER PREVENTION PROGRAM

**168** PARENT GROUPS  
**40** THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING

## TPC Parents' Pantry



DISTRIBUTED OVER

**35,910**  
Diapers



PARENTS EARNED MORE THAN

**15,938**  
Baby Bucks



MORE THAN

**671**  
Pantry Visits



**70**  
Car Seats  
EXPERTLY INSTALLED



**100%**

of babies born to participants in the doula program were delivered at full term.



**100%**

of participants reported feeling more confident, increased self-esteem, and have experienced positive changes in their life since beginning therapy services.



**96%**

of children in the program underwent developmental screening, which is crucial for early detection of potential developmental delays.



**100%**

of fathers reported improvement in the quality and frequency of their time spent with their children.



**100%**

of participants felt that their Parent Group offered a supportive environment to discuss their shared experiences.



**97%**

of students who participated in a Prevention Program class feel confident in their ability to lower or eliminate the risk of teen pregnancy.



**99%**

of parents participating in home visiting programs have selected a primary care physician, which ensures consistent healthcare and support for their child's development.



**100%**

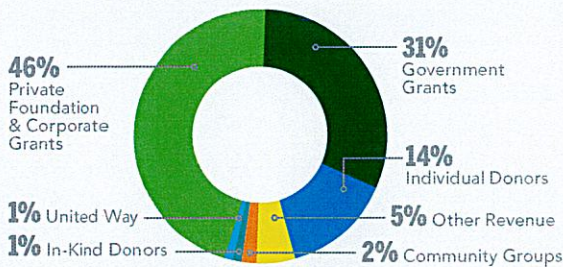
of doula participants reported feeling more educated about their pregnancy, birth, and newborn care.



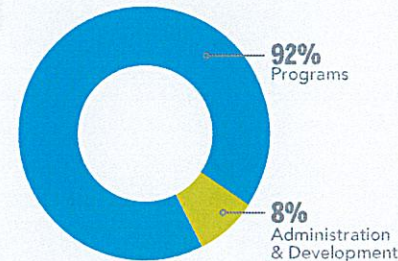
**100%**

of fathers improved their knowledge and confidence in their fatherhood role and responsibilities.

## 2024 REVENUE



## 2024 EXPENSES



In FY24, **\$0.92** of every dollar was spent directly on program costs, with **only 8%** of agency resources allocated to covering administrative and fundraising expenses.



**Teen Parent Connection**

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630-790-8433 [www.teenparentconnection.org](http://www.teenparentconnection.org)

**Our Mission** To serve the community through education on the realities and responsibilities of teenage pregnancy and through long-term assistance to adolescent parents for their development of self-esteem, parenting skills, and empowerment towards self-sufficiency.





## Required Vendor Ethics Disclosure Statement

Failure to complete and return this form may result in delay or cancellation of the County's Contractual Obligation.

Date: 04/24/2025

Bid/Contract/PO #:

Company Name: Teen Parent Connection	Company Contact: Becky Beilfuss
Contact Phone: 630-812-0116	Contact Email: bekyb@teenparentconnection.org

### The DuPage County Procurement Ordinance requires the following written disclosures prior to award:

1. Every contractor, union, or vendor that is seeking or has previously obtained a contract, change orders to one (1) or more contracts, or two (2) or more individual contracts with the county resulting in an aggregate amount at or in excess of \$25,000, shall provide to Procurement Services Division a written disclosure of all political campaign contributions made by such contractor, union, or vendor within the current and previous calendar year to any incumbent county board member, county board chairman, or countywide elected official whose office the contract to be awarded will benefit. The contractor, union or vendor shall update such disclosure annually during the term of a multi-year contract and prior to any change order or renewal requiring approval by the county board. For purposes of this disclosure requirement, "contractor or vendor" includes owners, officers, managers, lobbyists, agents, consultants, bond counsel and underwriters counsel, subcontractors and corporate entities under the control of the contracting person, and political action committees to which the contracting person has made contributions.

☒ **NONE (check here) - If no contributions have been made**

Add Line	Recipient	Donor	Description (e.g. cash, type of item, in-kind services, etc.)	Amount/Value	Date Made
x					

2. All contractors and vendors who have obtained or are seeking contracts with the county shall disclose the names and contact information of their lobbyists, agents and representatives and all individuals who are or will be having contact with county officers or employees in relation to the contractor bid and shall update such disclosure with any changes that may occur.

☒ **NONE (check here) - If no contacts have been made**

Add Line	Lobbyists, Agents and Representatives and all individuals who are or will be having contact with county officers or employees in relation to the contract or bid	Telephone	Email
x			

A contractor or vendor that knowingly violates these disclosure requirements is subject to penalties which may include, but are not limited to, the immediate cancellation of the contract and possible disbarment from future county contracts.

### Continuing disclosure is required, and I agree to update this disclosure form as follows:

- If information changes, within five (5) days of change, or prior to county action, whichever is sooner
- 30 days prior to the optional renewal of any contract
- Annual disclosure for multi-year contracts on the anniversary of said contract
- With any request for change order except those issued by the county for administrative adjustments

The full text for the county's ethics and procurement policies and ordinances are available at:

<http://www.dupageco.org/CountyBoard/Policies/>

I hereby acknowledge that I have received, have read, and understand these requirements.

Authorized Signature

[Redacted Signature]

Printed Name

Becky Beilfuss

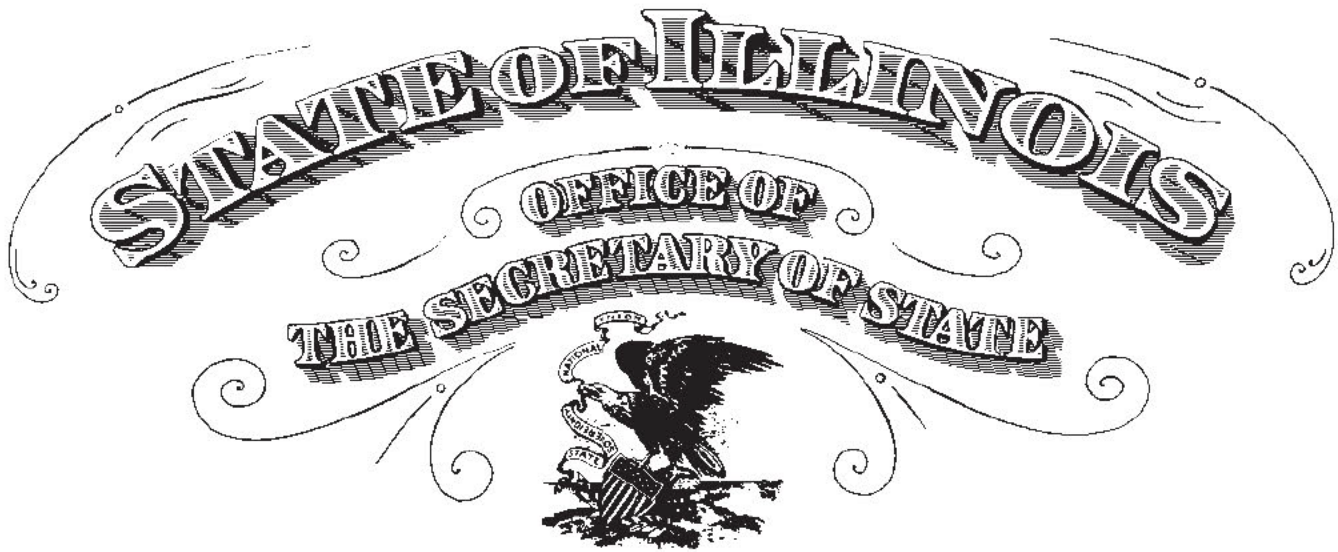
Title

Executive Director

Date

04/24/2025

Attach additional sheets if necessary. Sign each sheet and number each page. Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (total number of pages)



***To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:***

*I, Alexi Giannoulas, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am the keeper of the records of the Department of Business Services. I certify that*

TEEN PARENT CONNECTION, INC., A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE ON JULY 23, 1985, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.



***In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set***  
*my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of*  
*the State of Illinois, this 6TH*  
*day of MARCH A.D. 2025 .*