

Students

Explore your options

YPSN staff and volunteers understand the daily challenges that young parents must cope with daily, and strive to assist parents in managing those challenges.

Participating teen parents meet weekly with their mentors to:

- ◆ **Work toward academic, career and personal goals**
- ◆ **Get support dealing with school and parenting issues**
- ◆ **Learn about career options and community resources**
- ◆ **Share in cultural, educational, and sports activities**

Students may also take part in many group activities like:

- ◆ **Trips to area colleges**
- ◆ **A variety of workshops, from life skills to relaxation techniques**
- ◆ **Joining their children in a fun Winter Carnival and Summer Celebration**



Partnerships with Schools

Project ELECT and TAPP

The demands on young students' lives as parents can seem too much to bear at times. To provide students with the opportunity to be mentored, YPSN works in partnership with teen parenting programs of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit: Project ELECT (Education Leading to Employment and Career Training) and TAPP (Teen Aged Parenting Programs).

YPSN supplements schools' case management and life skills training with special educational and cultural programs to enhance the students' academic potential and expand their career horizons.



Offerings such as College Day, My Personal Library Program, Technology and Career Planning workshops, and Family Night Out events promote learning through activities that are both engaging and relevant. Mentors work with students and challenge them to be all they can be.

"My mentor is pushing me to do more with my education. I think it's a good experience because it's making me a better parent."
- YPSN Mentee -

Mentors

Will you be a part of it?

For most teen parents, having a baby places untimely restrictions on their social, emotional, academic, and vocational lives. Research has shown that these are times mentors can be most useful.

YPSN is seeking compassionate volunteers who will commit to act as mentors to teens aged 12-18. As a mentor your responsibilities will include meeting once a week with a student and attending mentor training, graduation and special events.

Qualifications include a desire to work with and be accessible to youth, patience, a willingness to listen, and the ability to set limits and respond to supervision. Criminal record and child abuse checks are required.

Your participation can change a life.

For more information about Young Parents Support Network, contact **Allison J. Barbuti, YPSN Program Coordinator, at (610) 565-6171.**



for your interest in YPSN!

To receive an application to the program, please complete this form and send it to:

The Center Foundation
220 N. Jackson St.,
Media, PA 19063
or fax it to: (610) 565-3684

- Please send me a **Mentor** application.
- Please send me a **Student** (mentee) application.
- I'd like to know more; please call me.
- I can't be a Mentor/ Mentee right now but I would like to volunteer.
- I can't volunteer right now, but I am enclosing a contribution of \$ _____ to help teen parents thrive.

Please print clearly: _____

Today's Date

Name

Address

Phone (day & evening)

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"I like working with a young person on the edge of adulthood. . . helping someone discover their own power."

- YPSN Mentor -



Young Parents Support Network empowers teen moms and dads to accomplish their goals while facing the challenges of parenthood.

We build caring communities through mentoring, education, and support.

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