



Rhode Island Department of Human Services

Teen and Family Development

What is TFD?

Teen and Family Development (TFD) is a program for pregnant, parenting and at-risk individuals age 24 and under. TFD services are designed to provide comprehensive services to meet the specific needs of young adults. Plans are individualized for each participant depending on their assessment, and they provide a comprehensive array of services, including but not limited to: assessment; education support; life skills; parenting skills; education and career pathway planning; pregnancy prevention; and transition planning. TFD staff are expected to make referrals and work in tandem with the family visiting programs provided by the RI Department of Health (RIDOH).

For individuals under age 20 who have not yet obtained their High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent, education must be the primary focus of their TFD plan.

Who is it for?

Rhode Island Works

- **Mandatory** – A referral to the TFD program is mandatory for any pregnant or parenting individual under age 20 who receive RI Works and has not yet obtained their high school diploma, GED, or equivalent.
- **Optional** for individuals in the following circumstances:
 - a. A pregnant or parenting individual under age 20 who receives RI Works and has already obtained their diploma, GED, or equivalent may participate in TFD, or they may be referred to another component. If a referral is made to TFD, the required hours must be met.
 - b. Any pregnant or parenting individual age 20 – 24 who receives RI Works may participate in the TFD program, but the referral is not mandatory. If a referral is made to TFD, the required hours must be met.
 - c. Minor teens (not pregnant or parenting) within RI Works families may choose to participate in TFD, but participation in an employment plan is not mandated.

Non-RI Works Recipients* / Outreach

*Medical assistance only

- TFD services are available to pregnant, parenting, and at-risk individuals age 24 and under who do not receive RI Works, but they must meet the income threshold for state medical assistance. These individuals who choose to participate in TFD are eligible for child care assistance.
- TFD also provides pregnancy prevention outreach to at risk young people through connections with the schools and community youth centers.

Have More Questions?

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Call: 1-855-MY-RIDHS (1-855-697-4347) Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, except holidays, from 8:30AM-3:00PM

Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Customer Service: 1-888-979-9939