



The Cal-Learn Program FACT SHEET December 2021



Program Purpose

The Cal-Learn program provides comprehensive case management services and supportive services to help pregnant and parenting teens graduate from high school, become independent, and form healthy families.

Program Administration

The Cal-Learn program is operated by Sutter Health of Sacramento, in collaboration with the Department of Human Assistance.

Eligibility Factors

Pregnant and parenting teens who are under the age of 19, receiving CalWORKs, and have not graduated from High School or its equivalent are required to participate in the Cal-Learn program.

Cal-Learn program requirements include the following:

- o Participate in the Cal-Learn program overview and orientation
- o Attend school full-time
- o Maintain Satisfactory Progress/provide progress reports as requested

19 year-old teens may continue their participation in the program on a voluntary basis, if they meet all qualifications below:

- o Participated in Cal-Learn prior to turning 19
- o Have not graduated from high school or its equivalent
- o Are attending school on a full-time basis

Voluntary participation ends when the teen turns 20.

Basic Program Components

Once in Cal-Learn, the teen will work with a case manager who will help them develop a personal plan to finish high school or complete a General Education Development (GED) course. For those not currently enrolled, the case manager will help to get the teen back into school.

The plan identifies the responsibilities of the case manager, the Cal-Learn teen, and additional services needed. Additional services may include help with child care, transportation costs, ancillary expenses, and mandatory costs associated with the educational program.

Bonuses and Sanctions

Cal-Learn rewards good school performance and penalizes poor performance using cash bonuses and grant sanctions to encourage school attendance and graduation. Teens who receive report cards reflecting satisfactory progress (C average or better) may have a \$100 bonus added to the family grant. For report cards reflecting unsatisfactory progress (less than a D average), the teen may receive a sanction of \$100 that is applied to the family grant over a two month period. Cal-Learn teens can earn up to four \$100 bonuses or sanctions each year based on performance.

Upon graduation, the Cal-Learn teen may be eligible to receive a \$500 bonus.

CalWORKs 48-month Time Limit

The time a teen parent participates in the Cal-Learn program does not count toward the 48-month CalWORKs time limit.

Additional Cal-Learn Program Information

For more information about this program, you may contact the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance at DHA-Cal-Learn@saccounty.net or Sutter Teen Programs at (916) 887-4031 or <https://www.sutterhealth.org/services/pregnancy-childbirth/teen-smcs>