

**Teen Parents Support Collaborative**

**Meetings:**

The Fresno County Teen Parent Support Collaborative (FCTPSC) meets on the first Tuesday of every month, except for July and August.

**Background:**

The FCTPSC began, formally, in July 2009. The economic downturn was the catalyst for bringing agencies together because, at the time, agencies were struggling to do more with less. While program funding was decreasing, the need most certainly was not. The risk of falling through the cracks was greater than ever! One way to ensure that that vital supports and services would continue was the formation of the FCTPSC. The formal call to action was answered by the group of like-minded individuals as they began meeting regularly for the purpose of identifying the programs and agencies that exist to serve this high risk population, then figuring out how they could coordinate service and leverage each other to best meet the needs of the teen.

**Goals:**

1. To identify available resources within the community and create links to services that are able to meet the comprehensive needs of teen parents.
2. To be a support and resource network that is able to provide comprehensive wrap around services needed for teen parents and their children.
3. To identify current funding sources, areas of improvement, and barriers for teen parents, so that the FCTPSC can create a plan of action to rectify the inadequacies and support the creation of services/agencies that increase the success of teen parents.
4. To promote and support all agencies within the collaborative that serve teens and their children.

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