

## IU5 ELECT Program

Education Leading to Employment and Career Training

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**1. *Who can participate?***

Pregnant students and male or female parenting students who are residents of Clarion, Crawford, Erie (outside the city of Erie), Forest, Venango and Warren Counties under the age of twenty-two, and are enrolled in a program leading to a high school diploma or GED.

**2. *What are the goals of the program?***

To provide pregnant and parenting students the opportunity:

- To remain enrolled in school or educational program achieving diploma or GED.
- To continue academic coursework/credits.
- To receive specialized education in prenatal care/development, nutrition, parenting skills, career goals, infant care and child development.
- To receive support and connection with other services that help overcome barriers to successful parenting and graduation.

**3. *Is pregnancy an excuse for non-attendance in school?***

No, according to Section 1327 of the Pennsylvania School Code Compulsory Attendance Law: "Pregnancy by itself is not a sufficient excuse for non-attendance."

**4. *Is there a fee for this program?***

There is no fee to participate in the program. Competitive grant funds are sought to cover all costs of the program. **The student's social security number is required by the Department of Human Services for enrollment in the program. The student may be required to provide additional documentation to the County Assistance office for enrollment into the ELECT Program. Male students will need to provide proof of paternity to enroll in the program.**

**5. *What services will the Student Parenting Program offer?***

Prenatal and parenting education, graduation and post-graduation planning, case management, support services, assistance with applications for subsidized child care, collaborative programs with community agencies, and referrals to community services.

**6. *When can a student enter the program?***

Students can enter the program any time during the school year or summer.

**7. *What are the student's responsibilities?***

To continue his/her academic program, regular attendance at school, and cooperative participation in the IU5 ELECT Program (meeting with his / her Case Manager on a regular basis at school or scheduled quarterly home visits and participating in education programs / presentations).

**8. *When and where does this program take place?***

The IU5 ELECT Program staff meet with the students at their school or GED location, at home as well as at monthly classes held at the career/technical center that serves the students in that school. Attention to not disrupt academic classes is prioritized.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR REGISTRATION IN THE PROGRAM PLEASE CONTACT**

**The School Nurse, Counselor, Principal, Organization Staff**

**OR**

**The IU5 ELECT Program at 814-734-8467.**