Pasco School District
Teen Parent Program
Our Children Are Our Legacy
1998-2008
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Difficulties exist to be surmounted.

Ralph Waldo Emerson
Program Goals

- High school completion
- Reduce subsequent pregnancies
- Prepare young parents for self-sufficiency
Program Benefits

• Onsite child care
• Transportation for parents and babies
• Bilingual Para Educator
• Flexible schedule—coordinated with Pasco High School
• Students gain work skills
• Children in child-care center benefit from targeted early learning
Grads Curriculum

Graduation Reality and Dual Role Skills

- Parenting
- Child Development
- Self-Formation
- Safe and Healthy Environment
- Employability
- Economic Independence
- Process Skills
- Pregnancy and Wellness
Prenatal and Neonatal Care
Forming Healthy Relationships
Care of the Newborn
Child Development
Parenting Skills
Personal Finance
Employability Skills
Work Experience Component

- Students work in the child-care center for one period a day.
- Students given the opportunity to get two college credits by completing Stars Basic 20 course.
- Articulation agreement with Columbia Basin College
Program Highlights

• Since beginning (September 1998) – 95 teen parents have graduated from high school
• Over 175 healthy babies have been born
• Boys and Girls Club are partners in running the child-care center.
• Current enrollment:
  – Pregnant and parenting teens – 24
  – Children enrolled in child care – 33
What’s next…

• Adding a pre-school program to our campus
• Continuing to partner with community organizations
Whatever you can do, or dream you can...begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.”

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