

Young Parents Project

Supporting Court-Involved Expectant and Parenting Youth

A partnership between Florida State University and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

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The FSU Young Parents Project (YPP) is an intensive home-visiting program for court-involved expectant and parenting youth. By providing trauma-informed, multidisciplinary support, the program aims to reduce recidivism and break the intergenerational cycle of violence and court involvement.

Program Eligibility & Services

Target Population: Court-Involved Youth (Ages 12-18)

Expecting or parenting youth who are minimum risk and on probation, have custody or visitation privileges with their children, conditional release, post-commitment probation, participating in a Juvenile Diversion program, or Intake status.

Team-Based Support

Each family receives support from an interdisciplinary team that may include:

-  Site Coordinator
-  Nurse Educator
-  Counselor



Services Provided

- ✓ Regular, ongoing home visits
- ✓ Assistance with accessing resources in the community
- ✓ Support during court hearings
- ✓ Dyadic intervention to promote the parent/baby relationship
- ✓ Referral for specialized trauma therapy as indicated
- ✓ Perinatal education and health promotion
- ✓ Materials & resources

How the Program Helps

- Builds healthy parent-child relationships
- Supports healthy pregnancy and child development
- Reduces barriers to services
- Promotes positive life goals
- Strengthens parenting confidence
- Coordinates care across systems
- Reduce subsequent births
- Reduce recidivism
- Stay engaged with services



How to Refer a Youth

Referrals for YPP participants come from multiple sources, including probation officers, the Juvenile Services Department (JSD), the judiciary, and other Department and court personnel. After a referral is received through the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS), YPP staff will schedule the intake.

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