

Outreach and Eligibility

Client Eligibility	An eligible AFLP client must be parenting and must have custody of the index child* or be co-parenting with the custodial parent. The expectant or parenting female and/or male partners are recruited for the program up to their 19 th birthday. Based on weighted risk factors, agencies will assess and prioritize clients for enrollment (see Policy and Procedure for Client Risk Factors). Eligible clients agree to voluntarily participate in AFLP.
Cal-Learn	Whereas participation in AFLP is voluntary, pregnant and parenting teens under the age of 19 who are CalWORKS recipients must participate in the Cal-Learn Program. Cal-Learn provides case management services related to education, health, and social services necessary for teens to go to school and to earn a high school diploma or its equivalent. To avoid duplication of services, participation in AFLP and Cal-Learn at the same time is not allowed. Case managers must coordinate services to maximize available resources. Many of the AFLP local agencies also provide Cal-Learn case management services in order to create a seamless system of care to the highest need eligible teens in the area.
AFLP Entry Criteria	AFLP services are available to expectant/parenting adolescent females enrolled up to their 19 th birthday. Agencies may also enroll parenting or expectant adolescent males up to their 19 th birthday.
Length of Participation	Clients may participate in the program until they reach their 19 th birthday and have been in the program 24 months, regardless of the age of the Index Child. Waivers must be approved by the State on an individual basis.
Outreach Activities	Outreach activities are to be conducted by the AFLP Provider in an effort to identify pregnant/parenting adolescent females and males up to their 19 th birthday. Outreach and case finding assures that appropriate and eligible clients are referred to the program. Each agency will establish protocols or policies and procedures for outreach activities.
Client Triage/ Co-Enrollment	Background The Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Division recommends that AFLP Directors/Coordinators develop client triage/co-enrollment policies based on the availability of local

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resources and knowledge of client and community needs.

Local policies should consider that allowing an eligible youth to participate in more than one MCAH-funded program may exclude other potential clients from the benefits of program participation, may result in duplication of services, and could add significant data collection responsibilities to the local programs.

Local policies should provide guidance on the criteria for program eligibility and participation that best meets the needs of the youth and provides them the most benefit.

Policies:

It is the responsibility of the local AFLP agency, in consultation with the client, to determine the program(s) that best meets the client's needs.

AFLP agencies should coordinate the decision making process with other local programs, for example, California Home Visiting Programs.

Agencies participating in the Office of Adolescent Health federal evaluation:

- Must adhere to all criteria articulated in the Memorandum of Understanding established between the local AFLP agency and Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.
- Should consider that concurrent participation in rigorous evaluations may be burdensome to the youth and may mix samples
- Must notify their MCAH program consultant if youth in the AFLP program are systematically enrolling in another MCAH-funded or evidence-based program

*The index child is defined as follows:

For clients who enter the program pregnant or (in the case of males) expecting, whether parenting or not, the first child born in the program is the index child.

For clients who enter the program parenting and not pregnant or expecting, the youngest child at the time of Intake is the index child.