

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Social Services
Office of Family Support

Parenting Skills Education (LAC 67:III.1136 and 1509)

The Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, proposes to amend LAC 67:III.Subpart 2, the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Program.

Pursuant to 45CFR 233.10 (a)(1)(ii)(B) of the Public Welfare Code of Federal Regulations and to further encourage responsible parenting in the AFDC population, the agency proposes to require that parents under the age of 20 attend a parenting skills training program as a condition of eligibility.

Because the Parenting Skills Program as initially implemented is no longer voluntary, §1509 is being repealed.

Title 67

SOCIAL SERVICES

Part III. Office of Family Support

Subpart 2. Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)

Chapter 11. Application, Eligibility, and Furnishing Assistance

Subchapter B. Coverage and Conditions of Eligibility

§1136. Parenting Skills Education

As a condition of eligibility for AFDC benefits any parent under age 20 must attend a parenting skills education program provided by the Office of Family Support or provide proof of attendance of this type of training provided by another recognized agency or source. Failure to meet this requirement without good cause shall result in ineligibility for inclusion in the assistance unit. Ineligibility will continue until compliance is demonstrated. Individuals deemed ineligible under this provision will retain the same Medicaid eligibility that they would have had in the absence of this requirement.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 46:920.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, LR 19:351 (March 1993), amended LR 22:

Chapter 15. General Program Administration

Subchapter D. Parenting Skills Program

§1509. Availability

Repealed

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 46:290.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, LR 19:351 (March 1993), repealed LR 22:

Interested persons may submit written comments within 30 days to: Vera W. Blakes, Assistant Secretary, Office of Family Support, Box 94065, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4065. She is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding this proposed rule.

A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held on October 29, 1996, in the Second Floor Auditorium of the Department of Social Services, 755 Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA beginning at 9 a.m. All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing, at said hearing. Individuals with disabilities who require special services should contact the Bureau of Appeals at least seven working days in advance of the hearing. For assistance, call telephone 504-342-4120 (Voice and TDD).

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**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

RULE TITLE: Parenting Skills Education

- I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
It is anticipated that implementation of this proposed rule will increase program costs by \$2,195 in FY 96/97. No costs or savings can be projected for subsequent years. It is expected that recipients will attend the required training rather than face a loss of benefits. Agency staff will work with these parents to schedule training sessions which do not conflict with employment or school attendance. Further, parents having good cause for delay in attending a training session will not be denied assistance.
- II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)
State revenue collection for the implementation year will increase federal funding by approximately 50 percent of the anticipated cost.
- III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)
Recipients of AFDC would be affected by these proposed changes in policy. If they fail to comply, the parent will lose their share of the AFDC cash grant. Existing programs that offer parenting skills education can anticipate an increase in participation but cost increase cannot be anticipated.
- IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)
There will be no impact on competition and employment.

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