

## CALLEARN SANCTIONS

If you don't turn in your report card on time or if you are not making "satisfactory progress," *you may get sanctioned!*

You'll get a 10 day notice if there is a problem.

- √ Turn in your report card or ask your worker to find that you had "good cause" in this 10 day time.

**Good cause** is when:

- You were temporarily sick.
- You had to go to court or were incarcerated.
- Bad weather kept you from going to school.
- You had no transportation.
- Child care problems (not reasonably available during school, arrangements fell apart or were interrupted).
- You should be exempt (disability).
- There is a family crisis.
- Any other "substantial and compelling reason" (according to the county).

**Call Legal Services**

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## CalWORKs

*Making it Work for You*

# CalWORKs and Teen Parents

*Your Rights*



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# CALWORKS FOR TEENS

## WHAT IS IT?

There used to be a special program, called "CalLearn" for teen parents. Now, it is part of CalWORKs welfare-to-work. The teen program is to get a diploma for pregnant teens and teen parents.



## DO I HAVE TO DO IT?

Yes, if you are on aid, under age 20, and don't have a high school diploma or GED.

## Can I Get a Bonus?



- Yes! There is a \$100 each time your report card has an C or better average, and \$500 for graduating or getting your GED.

## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES?

You have the right to get things you need to do your school program, like child care, transportation, books, GED testing fees, laboratory fees, etc.

## ARE THERE SANCTIONS?

Yes, if you don't have a good reason why you don't go to school or make satisfactory progress. Depending on your age, either you or your adult caretaker will lose their portion of the grant.

## Can I Not Do it?

You are exempt from the teen school program *only* if:

- The County doesn't give you the services you need to go to school;
- You have an illness or disability that significantly limits your being able to go to school 30 days or more;
- You have a good reason for being unable to go to school or get a GPA above a 2.0

## GRADUATED/GOT A GED!



Congratulations! If you are under 18, you can register for college if you want to continue with school. This will mean when you turn 18, the county **MUST** let you continue school as your welfare-to-work program. If you are over 18, you will need to do the CalWORKs work program. People

already enrolled in college are allowed to continue. Otherwise, the county will see what program you need. See *CalWORKs Education and Training brochure*.

## TIME LIMIT

If you are under 18 you do not have time limits on your aid. If you are 18-19 years old, and not on a senior-parent's grant, you are also not using up your time limits. The time limit will start once you get your diploma.



## I'M HAVING PROBLEMS!



If you are having problems (sanctions, exemptions, support services): **Ask for a state hearing!** Fill out the back of any Notice of Action or call 800-952-5253. Get help from your local legal services.