PARTICIPATION IS EASY

Participants are enrolled through eligibility in the following programs:

- **TANF** (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families): Expectant or custodial parents who are receiving temporary financial assistance are eligible to participate.

- **Family Works**: Expectant, custodial and non-custodial parents who are not receiving TANF and whose personal monthly income does not exceed 235% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

- **ELECT Fatherhood Initiative (EFI)**: Expectant, custodial and non-custodial fathers, under the age of 22 are eligible to participate in the fatherhood component of ELECT through the ELECT Fatherhood Initiative.

The LIU Mission: Empowering our customers to solve their most challenging problems that impact learning and quality of life.

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Assisting expectant and parenting teens successfully achieve educational and vocational goals and providing services and resources for responsible parenting and child development.

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EXPECTANT AND PARENTING TEEN MOTHERS

- Close to 1/2 of all females and 1/3 of all males who dropped out of school said that becoming a parent played a role in their decision to leave school.
- Parenthood is the number one reason teen girls withdraw from school. 50% of teen Mothers do not graduate from high school.
- Teen mothers who complete high school are less likely to go on to college.
- Teenage births are associated with lower annual income.
- 1/4 of teenage mothers have a second child within two years of their first.
- 1/3 of pregnant teens receive inadequate prenatal care.

EXPECTANT AND PARENTING TEEN FATHER

Father absence contributes to negative outcomes for children such as higher poverty, lower self esteem, and a higher involvement in crime. There are a number of legal, social and family barriers that can prevent a teenage father from being involved in his child's life.
- Only 20% of fathers are married to the mother of the baby. The child is often raised by the mother which contributes to the absent father cycle.
- A significant number of young fathers were raised in female-headed households and have had minimal exposure to positive male role models.

Children who have a father figure are more likely to stay in school and avoid drugs and crime.
- Children who have a father figure are more likely to grow up to be a responsible adult.

HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR YOU THROUGH ELECT/EFI PROGRAMS

As a teenager, finding out you are going to become a parent while still in school presents many concerns. Coping with the process of childbirth, parenting, and keeping up with school assignments and social activities can be overwhelming.

ELECT will assist you with acquiring necessary resources and services to provide you with appropriate prenatal care, parenting skills, child care as well as academic help, career opportunities, and college or vocational school success.

The ELECT FATHERHOOD Program will help young fathers work through many of the obstacles to becoming a successful parent. The Fatherhood Program will connect young fathers with adult role models who care about you and your child. These role models will provide real life experiences that help you to define your responsibility as a father. Whether you are a custodial or a non-custodial father, you will receive valuable resources and services to promote an active participation in the rearing of your child.

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