

School Age Mothers Program (SAMP)

General Information

SAMP is an alternative educational program for pregnant teens. It is available for 7th grade through 12th grade girls within the South Bend Community School Corporation. The program is located at Lafayette Center. The phone number is 574- 393-5850.

Enrollment Procedures

- Students wanting to attend SAMP must be registered at a South Bend School. They may then be referred to SAMP.
- A referral form must be completed and forwarded by the home school and proof of pregnancy must accompany the student when she enrolls at SAMP.
- Students may enroll at SAMP during the first two weeks of each quarter. Students who would like to enroll after that time must wait until a new quarter begins.

Classes are held from 9:30 am – 3:25 pm. Breakfast is served between 9:15am and 9:45am.

Benefits:

- Small Classes
- Shorter school days (9:30 am to 3:25pm)
- Breakfast and lunch are available. If a student received free meals from their home school, they will receive free meals at SAMP.
- Day care is available on a first come first serve basis through Head Start.
- Graduation requirements may be met if on target with credits for graduation.

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Guidelines

The School Age Mothers Program (SAMP) provides an alternative program for pregnant students. The program is open to girls who live within the boundaries of the South Bend Community School Corporation. Referrals may be made by school counselors, social workers or nurses.

A variety of courses are taught by a staff of trained professionals to meet the needs of all students. Each student will be enrolled in six to eight classes that are necessary to meet graduation requirements. All students will also enroll in a Child Development class.

To be eligible for SAMP:

- Be pregnant (preferably three or more months).
- Be registered and attending a SBCSC school.
- Have acceptable home school attendance prior to pregnancy.
- Be between the ages of 14 and 17.
- Be on track for graduation upon entering program (seniors).
- Have an acceptable home school behavior record.

Exceptions may be made on individual interviews and student performance data.

Early Head Start (EHS)

Early Head Start (EHS) is a federally funded community based program for low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women.

Please be advised that not all students of SAMP will be able to secure EHS privileges for their children. Due to limited space, this program is on a first come, first serve basis.

To be Eligible for the EHS program you must:

- Maintain an acceptable attendance rate (excludes excused absences).
- Maintain a 2.00 GPA. Students who fall below that will be put on probation for the remainder of the grading period.

Following the return of a student to her home school or graduation, the student must complete an application and be accepted into the Head Start Community Child Care Program. The student must maintain an acceptable attendance rate when returning to their home school.

Failure to meet these guidelines or misusing EHS services will result in a probationary period and/or disciplinary meeting with Head Start, SAMP Education Committee, and/or the high school counselor to evaluate the student's education and learning plan.

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Interested in learning more?

Contact your Guidance counselor who will complete a referral form for SAMP.

The SAMP Supervisor will then contact you!

How can we be of further assistance?

Medicaid?
WIC?
Healthy Families?
ECHO Catholic Charities

Please feel free to call the SAMP Office at:
574-393-5850

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