



# Pathfinder Academy . . .

. . . an accredited alternative school providing a safe educational environment supporting positive participation in education, family, and community for pregnant and parenting youth.

Across the country, only 40 percent of teen mothers graduate from high school. Research closely links teen parenthood to negative consequences for parents and their children. The intergenerational cycles of teen pregnancy, poverty and criminality are intertwined. Pathfinder Academy seeks to provide young parents with the education and skills necessary to break this cycle and achieve autonomy. Pathfinder Academy provides an alternative education option for pregnant and parenting teens residing in the Portland Public School District, and serves over 70 students and their families annually.



### **GED/ Academic Programs**

In the Literacy/Numeracy Focused GED to Post-Secondary Education Program, Pathfinder Academy provides credit retrieval and literacy and numeracy instruction aligned with District and State standards in order to assist students to complete their GED and prepare to enter post-secondary education.

### **Parenting Skills Education and Support**

Pathfinder Academy provides evidence informed parenting education and life skills classes where almost all instruction is conducted in individual tutorials or small groups. Pathfinder Academy provides a variety of support services that contribute to the success of teen parents as students. These services include free child care, a teen parent support group, a leadership program, crisis counseling and intervention, parenting support services, case management and home visiting, on site Department of Human Services support, mental health and drug and alcohol referral services.

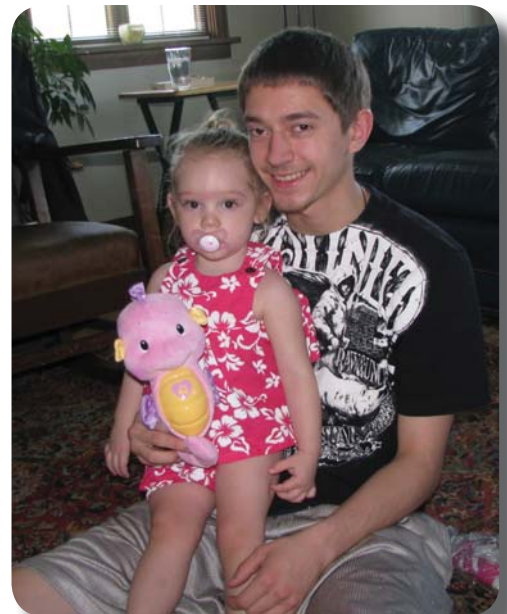


## **Programs & Services**

### **Post-Secondary Transition**

Through the Teen Parent College Access and Success program (TPCAS), Pathfinder Academy and Insights Teen Parent Program partner to help teens develop skills and access resources ensuring their successful transition to college.

Pathfinder Academy also prepares our students to successfully enter the job market. Our job training program begins with academic services. Each student develops an individualized education plan focusing on future goals and career interests. Students complete a post-secondary transition portfolio with their resume, practice applications, writing examples, and transition plan.



For more information on referring clients contact:

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