

## **EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS OF PREGNANT & PARENTING TEENS**

### **PREGNANT STUDENTS:**

- Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 10-76a-2, pregnancy is a condition which grants eligibility for special education.
- Pregnant students are entitled to accommodations necessary to allow them to progress in the educational curriculum.
- Accommodations may include:
  - Transportation to and from school,
  - Change in schedule to start later in the morning or leave earlier in the day,
  - Permanent bathroom pass,
  - Supplemental, at-home or hospitalized tutoring (see § 10-76d-15(b) below).

### **PARENTING STUDENTS:**

- Homebound and hospitalized instruction shall be provided where a student has given birth, and where a physician has certified that homebound or hospitalized instruction is in the child's best interest, and should continue for a specified period of time (see Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies § 10-76d-15(b)).
- Such instruction can be at the youth's home or another mutually convenient place (local library, community center, etc.).
- Absence must be at least three weeks' duration.
- Such instruction shall begin no later than two weeks from the first day of absence.
- Such instruction shall be provided at least at least two hours per day or ten hours per week for children in grades seven through twelve (this amount may be decreased by a planning and placement team).