

Table 1: Description of Program

Program	New Chance	LEAP	TPD
Target Population	AFDC recipient (95%) economically disadvantaged; had child as teen; aged 16-22; school dropout or reads below 9 th grade level (94%)	AFDC recipient; pregnant or parenting teen; without h.s. diploma or GED; 54.7% in school at intake; 45.3% out of school at intake	AFDC new recipient pregnant (one site) or parenting first child teen; 43.7% in school; 32.7% had h.s. diploma/GED; 23.6% dropouts
Participation mandate	voluntary	mandatory	mandatory
Program requirements	none	school attendance	education, job training, or employment. mandatory workshops
Financial incentives	none	\$62 school enrollment bonus \$62/month for every month of school attendance	none
Financial disincentives/sanctions	none	\$62/month deducted for every month not in school	benefit reduction of \$160/month in NJ and \$166/mo. in Chicago for nonparticipation
Educational activities	adult basic education; GED courses; h.s. completion		adult basic education; GED courses; h.s. completion; post-secondary education
Employment activities	job development; job placement; job readiness activities; job search; job skills training		job placement, job search; job skills training; on-the-job training
Support services	case management; child care; family planning education; health benefits; life skills and opportunities courses; parenting classes/training	case management; child care subsidies; transportation to school subsidies	case management; child care; counseling; transportation

NOTE: This information is largely from the online database operated by the Research Forum on Children, Families, and the New Federalism (www.researchforum.org)

Table 2: Summary of Findings

Outcomes	New Chance (42 months)	LEAP (4 years)	TPD (6 years)
Educational:			
school enrollment	+	+	+
h.s. graduation/GED	+	n.d.	n.d.
reading level	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Employment:			
ever employed	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
earnings	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
AFDC receipt	n.d.	-	n.d.
Pregnancy/births:			
additional pregnancy	n.d.	n.a.	n.d.
additional birth	n.d.	n.a.	n.d.
Parenting/child outcomes:			
maternal depressive mood	n.d.	n.a.	n.d.
parenting stress	+	n.a.	n.a.
HOME scale	n.d.	n.a.	n.d.
child behavior problems	+	n.a.	n.d.
child positive behaviors	-	n.a.	n.d.

+ statistically significant positive impact ($p \leq .05$)
 - statistically significant negative impact ($p \leq .05$)
 n.d. no statistically significant difference
 n.a. not ascertained