

I'm a student and  
a parent.  
How do I continue  
my education?

WE CAN  
HELP YOU **STAY**  
IN SCHOOL

**Did you know?**

Research suggests that when student parents choose to stay in school, the outcomes are better for themselves and their children.

## Can I stay at my school if I am pregnant or have a baby?

We want you to continue your education. Help is available from:

- Your school's staff—guidance counselors, social workers, teachers, Assistant Principal or the Principal
- 38 LYFE program sites
- Five Referral Centers for High School Alternatives

### Can I change schools?

You have the same rights as any other

### Referral centers and the LYFE program...

**Referral Centers and the LYFE program provide student parents with services to help you continue your education. Ask a staff member at your school for details.**

**Yes! If you are pregnant or have children, you have the right to stay at your school.**

You are legally required to attend school through the end of the school year in which you turn 17 years old.

NYC public school student. If you want to change schools, you have to apply for a school transfer. Have a copy of your transcript handy (if possible) and try the following steps in this order:

- Meet with a staff member at your school
- Go to an Enrollment Office
- Call the Referral Center in your borough

**The Referral Center telephone numbers are listed on the back page.**

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## How can the Referral Centers for High School Alternatives help me?

Referral Centers can help you:

- Learn about your rights as a NYC Department of Education student
- Plan to overcome any barriers that prevent you from coming to school
- Understand your high school transcript
- Choose between GED and high school diploma programs
- Explore all possible paths to a high school diploma, or enroll in a GED program

**Referral Centers have guidance counselors, social workers and specialists to advise you.**

- Get referrals for childcare, social work, drug treatment and housing
- Figure out what you need to get into college
- Learn about vocational and career options

**For more details, read the Referral Center for High School Alternatives FAQ 1.**

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## What is the LYFE program?

### Who can enroll their children in LYFE?

Only students currently enrolled in and attending a NYC public school can use LYFE's childcare services. Staff can confirm whether you are a NYC public school student.

### Did you know?

**LYFE is free for students enrolled in a NYC Department of Education school or program.**

### How old does my child have to be to enroll in LYFE?

You can enroll your child as soon as s/he is fully immunized (at the earliest, eight weeks old). Your child can stay at the LYFE program site until the end of the school year in which s/he turns three years old.

### How do I enroll my child in LYFE?

There are three ways to enroll your child. Try the following steps in this order:

- Speak to a staff member at your school about LYFE
- Use the locations in the LYFE center program directory to find the LYFE center that is easiest for you to get to and from while going to school. Walk-ins are accepted
- Call the Referral Center in your borough and say you have a question about LYFE

### LYFE helps students stay on track to graduation while supporting their transition to parenthood.

Certified teachers and caregivers at each LYFE childcare site provide safe, nurturing and meaningful learning experiences for infants and toddlers—and help their parents do the same at home. On-site social workers offer support services to student parents, such as counseling and referrals to social, health and community agencies.

### What do I do if my school doesn't have a LYFE program site or if the program site I want to use is full?

If your school doesn't have a LYFE program site or if the one you want to use is full, you should find another program site that is easiest for you to get to and from while going to school.

- Ask a staff member at your school to help you reach out
- Go to <http://schools.nyc.gov> and type "LYFE program directory" into the search box
- Refer to the LYFE program directory
- Call the Referral Center in your borough

**The Referral Center telephone numbers are listed on the back page.**

### Be sure you have...

**All the documents you need to enroll your child for LYFE. The documents are listed on the back page.**

## What documents do I need to enroll my child in a LYFE childcare center?

To enroll your child, you will need:

- Birth certificates for you and your child
- Medical examination forms and immunization records for your child

Staff at your school, LYFE program site, or Referral Centers can help you enroll your child and answer any questions you

may have. In some cases, your child can go to the LYFE childcare site while your paperwork is sorted out.

## Who can I speak to if I have other questions?

If you have any questions, contact any of the following:

- Staff at your school
- A LYFE program site
- The Referral Center in your borough
- District 79, Office of Student Support Services

**If you can't get through to a Referral Center, call or email:**

**District 79  
Office of Student Support Services**

**917-521-3639**

**YouthHelp@schools.nyc.gov**

## Referral Centers

for High School Alternatives

Open school days from 8:30am–2:30pm

<b>The Bronx</b> 718-842-9200	Bronx Regional HS, 1010 Rev. James A. Polite Avenue, Room 436 <b>College and Career Resource Center:</b> 8am–4pm <b>Train:</b> 2 or 5 to Prospect Avenue <b>Bus:</b> Bx4, Bx6; Bx17
<b>Brooklyn</b> 718-636-5770	832 Marcy Avenue, Room 501A <b>College and Career Resource Center:</b> 8am–4pm <b>Train:</b> A to Nostrand <b>Bus:</b> B26, B43; B44; B52
<b>Manhattan</b> 212-244-1274	269 W. 35th Street (at 8th Avenue), 11th Floor <b>College and Career Resource Center:</b> 8am–4pm <b>Train:</b> 1, 2, 3, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F, N, Q, R, V, W to 34th Street <b>Bus:</b> M10; M11; M16; M20; M34
<b>Queens</b> 718-739-2100	162-02 Hillside Avenue, Room 109 <b>College and Career Resource Center:</b> 8am–4pm <b>Train:</b> E, F to Parson Boulevard <b>Bus:</b> Q25; Q34; Q43; Q65
<b>Staten Island</b> 718-273-3225	450 St. Marks Place <b>College and Career Resource Center:</b> 8am–4pm <b>Bus:</b> S42, S46, S48, S51, S61, S62, S66, S67, S74, S76, S78