

Realityworks RealCare Program Alignment with Carl D. Perkins Funding

	GRANT CRITERIA	REALCARE PROGRAM ALIGNMENT
√	Career Investigation	<p>Students can explore careers such as au pair, nanny, daycare worker, early childhood education, pediatric nursing, pediatrician, etc. using the RealCare Program.</p> <p>A realistic infant care experience and a science-based curriculum that emphasizes the physical, social, financial and emotional aspects of parenting offers insight into what teen parents, adult parents, infants and families experience and how having a baby affects their whole lives, including their career. Actual skills needed for these careers are learned and practiced during a simulation.</p>
√	Career Pathways	<p>Au pair, nanny, daycare worker, early childhood education, pediatric nursing, pediatrician, etc. are all recognized pathways and programs of study and the RealCare Program offers valuable skills and knowledge for these pathways.</p> <p>A realistic infant care experience and extensive information about infant health, safety and daily care provides insight into all aspects of caring for a baby. Actual skills needed for these careers are learned and practiced during a simulation, with immediate feedback from Baby and detailed simulation reports to measure, grade, discuss and improve performance.</p>
√	Support for Family & Consumer Sciences	<p>The RealCare Program provides training, skills and knowledge for Early Childhood Education, Parenting and Human Growth and Development classes, typically offered through Family and Consumer Sciences.</p> <p>Topics such as infant care, healthy babies, healthy families, life choices, future planning, personal goal setting, financial cost of having and caring for a baby fit into the Family and Consumer Sciences philosophy of strengthening and sustaining families and educating future consumers.</p>
√	Dropout Prevention	<p>Realityworks FACS customers report that students are more interested in enrolling in or participating in courses using RealCare Baby. Curriculum lessons that address life goals, personal decision-making and responsibility prompt discussions about risky behavior and choices that could jeopardize academic achievement. By providing real-life skills, school becomes a more welcome place for teenage parents, parents-to-be and unwed parents.</p> <p>The RealCare Program can be successfully used in teen pregnancy prevention efforts, parenting education, character-building programs and at-risk youth intervention aimed at dropout prevention. By helping prevent unintended pregnancy and/or teen parenthood, the RealCare Program helps students stay focused on their life and career goals and enrolled in school.</p>
√	Special Populations	<p>The RealCare Program provides experiences that educate people on the health and safety of infant rearing; encourage people to consider the financial responsibilities of infant rearing; understand time management and the challenges of juggling infant care and work schedules; and explore their potential in career pathways related to infant care.</p>
√	For leasing, purchasing, upgrading or adapting equipment	<p>The RealCare Program uses technology that can be improved and updated with technology improvements and for great effectiveness, and comes with auxiliary products to enhance the infant care experience.</p>