

**Realityworks RealCare Program Alignment with Carl D. Perkins Funding**

	<b>GRANT CRITERIA</b>	<b>REALCARE PROGRAM ALIGNMENT</b>
√	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	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.
√	For leasing, purchasing, upgrading or adapting equipment	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.